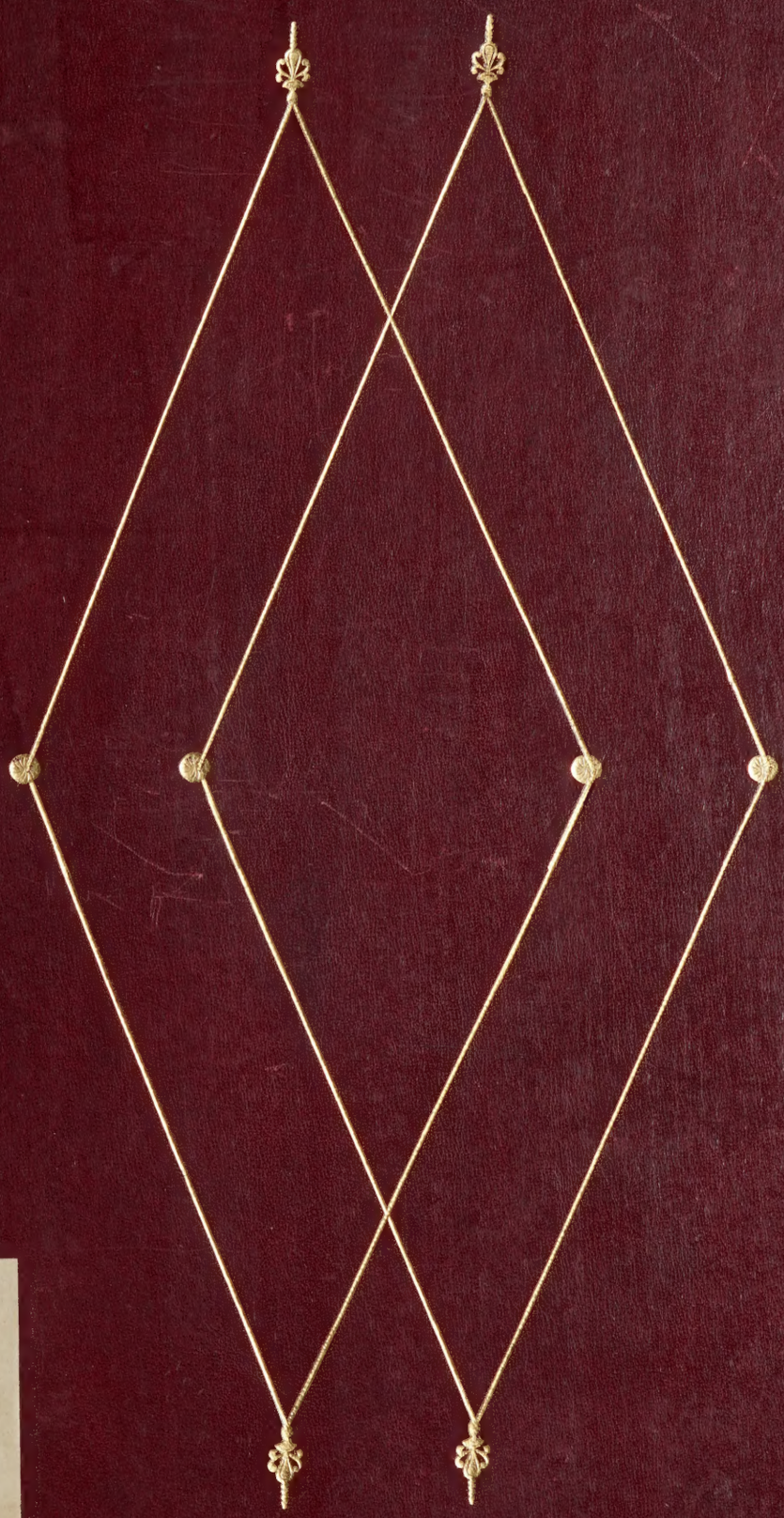

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Opening Minute

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Me., commencing on Sixth-day Sixth Month 10th. 1887.

Names of Representatives

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island — Samuel R. Buffinton, Robert P. Gifford, Anthony M. Kimber, Joseph S. Anthony, Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles A. Chace, Augustine Jones, Joseph E. Macomber, Daniel Meader, William Jacob, John S. Kimber, Charles W. Earle and Charles D. Kenyon.

From Salem — Daniel C. Maxfield, Owen Dame, Thomas Wood, Clement R. Hanson, William O. Newhall, Joseph Cartland, Peter M. Neal, Charles H. Thorndike, Albert C. Hill, Olney T. Meader and George L. Crosman.

From Sandwich — George Howland, Jr., Edward G. Dillingham, Arnold G. Tripp, Joseph Ewer, Gideon Wood, Joshua L. Macomber, David Kelley, David H. Potter, Stephen R. Wing, William H. Gardner and John C. Taylor.

From Falmouth — Sumner G. Williams, Silas H. Cartland, George Douglas, John T. Fellows, John J. Frye, Augustus F. Cox, Henry F. Newell, Edward C. Jones, Charles A. Nichols, John H. Hall, Albert F. Minott, Ezra Hawkes and Charles W. Goddard.

From Smithfield — Isaac Steere, Richard Battey, William Aldrich and Oscar J. Morse.

From Vassalboro — Alfred H. Jones, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Josiah Philbrook, William A. Jones, Hezekiah Pope and Frank E. Jones.

From Dover — William P. Tuttle, Samuel Buffum, Asa C. Tuttle, John B. Cartland, George T. Jenness and Oliver Meader.

From Fairfield — Henry Winslow, Howard B. Wyman, Levi Jones, T. Warren Hawkes, Joseph E. Briggs, Jacob Pope, George B. Wing and Mark Osborne.

Present except twelve

Whose names being called they were present except twelve, for the absence of six of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

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Ministers in attendance from other Yearly Meetings

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends Benjamin F. Farquhar and Mary J. Weaver, from New York Yearly Meeting; David E. Sampson, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Jeremiah A. Grinnell, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; John P. Pennington, William P. Pinkham and Ezra G. Pearson, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Joriah Dillon, Evi Sharples, William Marshall and James P. Pinkham, from Iowa Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

Companions to Ministers

4. We have also the acceptable company of Charlotte M. Farquhar, companion to her husband, Benjamin F. Farquhar; and Jane M. Grinnell, an Elder and companion to her husband, Jeremiah A. Grinnell, with satisfactory credentials from their friends at home.

Com appd to prepare returning Minutes

5. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Yearly Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following named Friends, viz:— Joseph Cartland, William P. Macomber, Benjamin F. Knowles, Augustine Jones, Charles M. Jones and Hezekiah Binns.

Epistles recd

6. Epistles have been received at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond except London and Ohio; also one from the Monthly Meeting of Brumana, Syria. Those from Ireland, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana, Western and Iowa, have been read at this time to our comfort and edification, the reading of the remaining ones is deferred to a future sitting.

Com appd to nominate a Com on correspondence

7. We appoint Richard Battey, William A. Jones, William P. Tuttle, I. Warren Hawkes, Samuel R. Buffinton, Owen Dame, David Kelley and George Douglas, a Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence and report at our next session.

Com appd to examine Treasurers accounts

8. We appoint Owen Dame, Arnold G. Tripp, Sumner G. Williams, William Aldrich, Joriah Philbrook, Samuel

Auditing Com. appointed.

Buffum, Henry Winslow and Charles W. Earle, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer; also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

Com. to prepare Summary Answers

9. We appoint Benjamin F. Knowles, Joseph Cartland, William P. Macomber, Ezra Hawkes, Isaac Steere, Hartwell A. Jenkins, William P. Tuttle and Isaac Winslow, a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and to present it at a future sitting.

Changes reported in the several Quarterly Meetings

10. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that Levi Almy, a Minister, and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died 7th mo 15th, 1886, aged 77 years; Jacob Mott, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 5th mo 15th 1886. aged 82 years, 3 mos and 24 days; and that Isaac B. Macomber has been appointed Correspondent of that Monthly Meeting — address Portsmouth, R. I.; that Abel F. Collins, an Elder, and member of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, died 6th Month 15th, 1886, aged 77 years, 4 mos and 23 days: that it has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Phebe S. Aydelott; also with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary E. Kenyon, to the station of Elder. Charles W. Earle has been appointed correspondent of Greenwich Monthly Meeting — address Fiskeville R. I.; also that it has united in the appointment of 29 members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that Mary J. Paige, an Elder, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died 1st mo 31st 1887, aged 75 years 1 mo and 4 days; that it has united with Amesbury Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Charles E. Praslee; that Mary B. Chase, an Elder, and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, died 12th mo 12th 1886, aged 75 years, 2 mos and 11 days; also that it has united in the appointment of 25 members

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Changes reported from Qy Mtgs continued

of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James D. Hoxie, to the station of Elder; and with Westport Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Gideon Gifford and Elisabeth A. Taylor to the same station. Betsey P. Wood, an Elder, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died 8th mo 18th 1886, aged 90 years, 7 mos and 10 days; also that it has united in the appointment of 28 members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Albert F. Minott; and in the appointment of Jane T. Varney to the station of Elder; With Durham Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Susan C. Berry; and with Windham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lucy A. Hawkes to the station of Elder, that Hannah V. Meader, an Elder and member of Durham Mo. Mtg. died 6th mo 17th 1886, aged 78 years 2 mos and 7 days; that Freeman Andrews, a Minister, and member of the same Mo. Mtg. died 9th mo 3d 1886, aged 62 years and 14 days; also that it has united in the appointment of seven members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Uxbridge Mo. Mtg. in the appointment of George S. Southwick, Calvin R. Rockwood and Emma C. Swift; to the station of Elder.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Mo. Mtg. in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of George H. Pope; and that Phebe W. Bean, an Elder, and member of China Mo. Mtg. died 12th mo 23d 1886, aged 56 years, 10 mos and 17 days.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Mo. Mtg. in the appointment of Amanda M. Meader and Mercy Jenness to the station of Elder; and that Martha A. Roberts, a Minister, and member of Dover Mo. Mtg., died 4th mo 13th 1887, aged 69 years, 8 mos and 11 days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that that it has united with Sidney Mo. Mtg., in the appointment of Esther A. Wyman to the station of Elder; and

Changes reported from 2d Mtgs continued

with Winthrop Mo. Mtg., in the appointment of Mary F. Bailey and Elijah Farr to the same station; also, that it has united in the appointment of 22 members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Quotas of Yly Meeting Stock paid by 2d Meetings

11. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for last year.

Adjourned to meet at 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.— Met pursuant to adjournment.

Clerks appd.

12. Samuel R. Buffinton, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they are accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

Epistles read

13. The Epistles from New York, Canada and Kansas Yly. Meetings, and from Brumana Monthly Meeting, were now read.

Report of Com on Divorce

14. The Committee appointed last year upon the subject of divorce, presented the following report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on the subject of Divorce report that they advise the insertion of the following on the 123d page of the Discipline, edition of 1878, between the last two paragraphs:

"Monthly Meetings shall neither solemnize nor permit marriages between persons, either of whom has been divorced; unless it be the innocent party in a case of divorce for the one cause sanctioned by our Savior.

If any Friend shall marry a divorced person, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the foregoing rule, his Monthly Meeting shall disown him."

On behalf of the Committee
Augustine Jones

Sixth Month 10th 1887.

Which is accepted by the Meeting, and adopted, and

1887. directed to be printed upon slips, and inserted in our Book of Discipline, under Friends concerning.

Statistical account 15. The Statistical Account, received from our Quarterly Meetings, was now read, and is as follows, Viz:—

	Number reported last year	Gain in last year report—Gain	Loss in last year report—Loss	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present number of members
Rhode Island.	759	0	0	5	16	8	4	56	5	44	0	803
Salem.	669	1	0	4	15	3	7	22	5	3	0	672
Sandwich.	658	0	0	3	27	3	5	2	2	0	26	632
Falmouth.	683	0	0	9	12	0	2	18	10	3	0	686
Smithfield.	382	0	2	3	10	0	0	1	1	0	9	373
Vassalboro.	488	0	0	3	10	8	9	25	0	17	0	505
Dover.	278	15	0	1	4	1	0	5	0	18	0	296
Fairfield.	495	0	0	1	9	1	1	11	5	0	2	493
Total.	4412	16	2	29	103	24	28	140	28	85	37	4460
Total Gain.										48		

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning, at 10 O'clock.

Seventh-day Morning the 11th. The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Delegate present from Congregational Conference of Me. 16. Charles H. Daniels, a delegate from the Congregational Conference of Maine, came to bring to us the loving greeting of his Branch of the Church of Christ. We welcome our brother in the fellowship of the Gospel, and unite with his desire that we may all, in our several allotments, be engaged in the service of our one Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Report of Boarding School Com. 17. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, presented their Annual Report, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Providence Boarding School Report 1869

The School Committee present their sixty-eighth annual Report. The School has moved forward in its several departments very quietly and harmoniously, as well as satisfactorily to the Committee.

The sanitary condition of the household has been almost uninterruptedly good. No case of serious illness during the year.

The average number of pupils has been 67 boys and 77 girls as boarders, and 20 as day Scholars.

At a meeting of the Committee in the Ninth Month last, the following Minute was entered upon our records:— "We are informed by the Principal that the School has, pending the vacation, been made the recipient of several donations; from our friend and colleague, Cannat J. Bailey, of $500.00 for table linen and china for the dining room; from another friend and colleague, Charles Taber, of two fine steel engravings, and one photograph, with appropriate frames; from a friend of the Institution, E. Alice Jones, $100.00 for rubbers for the dining room chairs, and for wall paper; and from another friend of the Institution, Mary R. Osborne, of $100.00 for carpets and for wall paper. The renewed evidences of interest in the School from dear friends, as expressed in these kind remembrances are very gratifying."

The reports of our Sub-committees for the more immediate care of the School and family for the [illegible] between our regular meetings, have been very satisfactory, as they have not only set forth the fact of the excellent work that is being done in the class rooms, but also the far greater work in the increased and increasing interest in matters of higher import manifested by the scholars in their social meetings; of the beneficial effects of this spiritual influence upon the minds and hearts of our pupils, eternity alone can declare the results.

The following named persons have been connected with the School as officers of government and instruction during the year:—

Augustine Jones, A. M. L. L. D. Principal and Political Science.
Charles H. Beitel, Governor and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess " " "
Bessie T. Wing, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A. B., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

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Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Benjamin W. Wells, Ph.D., Modern Languages.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music.
William C. Ladd, A.M., Greek and Latin,
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
George A. Barton, A.M., Greek, Latin and Philosophy.
Clara A. Winslow, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
*Alice M. Jones, English Studies.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Laura F. Weeks, Calisthenics.
Edward F. Robinson, A.B., Mathematics, and in charge of school-rooms.
Lucy J. Cauckes, Primary Room.
George A. Barton, A.M., Secretary and Book-Keeper
Annie E. Ewer, Librarian.

* Absent.

The following Report of the Auditors, made to the Committee at their Meeting in the Fourth Month, gives the condition of the Treasury at the close of the year on the first of Seventh Month, 1886:—

Providence 4th Mo 5th 1887.

To the N. E. Y. M. Boarding School Committee:

The Auditors report the following as the result of the financial operations of the School for the year ending Seventh Month 1st 1886.

Receipts

From Elizabeth Fry Fund for Board and Tuition	$1,500.00
" P. J. Tripp Fund " " " "	103.34
" all other sources " " " "	33,581.27
" study of languages, Music and other extras	3,421.72
" General Fund	5,821.91
" Profit and Loss for old accounts collected	158.01
	$44,586.25

Expenditures

For salaries	$17,963.41
" Wages	6,236.50
" Provisions	9,847.15
" Repairs and Renewals	3,748.91
" Water	420.28
" Fuel	1,602.62
" Light	948.02
Amount carried up	$40,766.89

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Amount brought up	$40,766.89
Papers and Periodicals	119.20
Incidentals	340.21
Advertising	622.28
City Tax for 1885	2,885.50
Improvements	615.45
Library	278.55
Profit and Loss, to suspended accounts during the previous year.	532.18
	$46,160.26
Leaving a balance to charge Profit and Loss on the year's work.	1574.01
	$44,586.25

Samuel R. Buffinton,
James O. Inman,
James H. Chace,
Robert P. Gifford.
} Auditors.

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School for the coming year be the same as for the last three years, viz:—

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$150.00
" " " other " Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yly Mtg	250.00
For all others who may be admitted	300.00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, $10.00: for one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing, $15.00; for one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing, and Painting, $30.00.

Alice M. Jones, who graduated from the School in 1881, and who had been a teacher for two years and two months, on account of failing health retired from the School in 12th Mo 1886; and on the 11th of 3d Mo. last she departed to her eternal rest, at the age of about 26 years. Her character was strong and genuine, and although life was brief, she has left an indelible impress on the Institution. Her conscientious, inflexible obedience to duty, her critical and thorough teaching, penetrated with great educational energy the lives and characters

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of her pupils, and profoundly inspired her associates. Her beautiful Christian life, so earnest and true, allured to brighter worlds and led the way.

With reverent thankfulness to our gracious Lord for His watchful, parental care over us during the year in preserving in health and in leading so many of our dear young Friends to look to Him and Him alone for guidance and protection, and beseeching Him to continue to watch over and keep, as in the hollow of His hand, our beloved Institution, we conclude.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee

George Howland, Jr.,
Clerk

Boarding School, Providence 5th Mo 31st 1887.

Note.— The Autumn Term begins 9th Mo 14th, 1887 and ends 2nd Mo 8th, 1888. The Spring Term begins 2nd Mo 8th, 1888, and ends 6th Mo 24th 1888.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the second of 8th Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date, after which, applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Funds should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Augustine Jones, Friends Boarding School Providence R. I.

Boarding School Report approved by Com continued

The Report is accepted and approved by the Meeting, and we commend the Institution to the continued care of Heavenly Father, who has so long watched over it; and to the prayerful interest of Friends. We refer the continued care of the School to the Committee now under appointment;

Names of Providence Boarding School Committee.

viz:— Columbus T. Coffin, George Howland, Jr., Timothy H. Hussey, Samuel R. Buffinton, Richard Bailey, James H. Grace, James C. Inman, Peter M. Veal, Benjamin F. Thowles, Augustus F. Cox, Robert P. Gifford, Charles Taber, Caleb Jones, Charles C. Varney, J. Warren Hawkes, William O. Newhall, Isaac Oscar Winslow, Ellen K.

Names of Com. on Providence Boarding School.

Buffum, Sylvia G. Howland, Hannah J. Trailey, Rebecca A. Hunt, Anna G. Wood, Deborah W. Crosman, Elizabeth H. Austin, Sarah F. Tobey, Esther Jones, Caroline C. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, Lydia C. Neal, Ruth S. Murray, Alice W. Maxfield, Anna M. Hussey, Elizabeth H. Newhall and Ruthanna H. Nichols.

Report of Com on Freedmen

18. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South, have presented their Annual Report, together with the Report of the condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. We again refer this concern to the same Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The School at Maryville opened for the Spring Term 1st Mo 3d. Although the time for extensive notice was short, yet during the first Month over one hundred and twenty students were enrolled; nearly 80 of these were in the Normal Class, receiving instruction to fit them for teaching and other useful pursuits. 62 of this number were helped by the George Sturge Fund.

The School closed 5th Mo 20th, with 134 enrolled, and 94 in attendance.

One of the Committee visited Maryville in the 12th Mo last, and after an interesting meeting with the people, he was very pleasantly solicited by a number of the leading men to make an arrangement for opening the School with the former Principal at its head. This was done much to the apparent satisfaction of nearly every one who was to receive the benefit of the School.

It is always encouraging to see the recipients of a benefit willing to manifest their appreciation of what is being done for them; and there is no better way for doing this than readily to yield to the wishes of their friends in the management of an institution of learning like that at Maryville, and with industry, use the privileges offered for acquiring an education useful in securing the material and social comforts of life. This the visitor found evidence to hope for.

It will be seen by the Principals report, that one hundred and forty of the Institutes former students have the past year been imparting instruction to over six thousand of their own race. This consideration ought

1887. to encourage us to continue our efforts for their benefit and our countrys good.

Report of Freedmen Com continued. Every true believer in the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ has great cause to be thankful, not only for the continued interest manifested among us to help elevate the colored people from the condition in which slavery left them, but also to know that a like interest induces many of our countrymen to heartily engage in the same cause; so we are no longer alone, as formerly, in carrying on this work for their good.

To be interested in elevating the race at large is noble, and will not lose its reward; and in conducting the work among the colored people, we meet the obligation and duties of the Missionary without leaving our shores.

The subjects of Temperance and Peace largely claimed the attention of the students, so that a goodly number of their essays were upon these subjects; and when they go forth to teach, we have reason to believe that their influence will be felt for good.

As there are some needed repairs, we hope that the Meeting will see its way clear to appropriate eight hundred dollars; and from other sources and contributions the Committee trust that the good work can be carried on.

Financial Statement.

Receipts

To balance from last year.	$158.58
Henry Camps Fund.	28.50
Appropriation and other sources	844.40
	$1,031.48

Expenditures.

To tuition	[illegible]
Stoves, and various other things as per bill.	70.37
Repairs.	48.69
Assisted a needy student from H. Camps fund	7.19
Balance carried to new account	305.23
	$1,031.48

The Committee submit this report with the hope that the School will be as useful and as satisfactory the coming year as it has been during the last term, and that harmony and kind feelings between teachers and pupils will remain unabated.

Report of Freedmen's Committee

To the Committee

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Portland, Me. Sixth Month 11th 1887.

Report of the Freedmans Normal Institute for the year 1887.

To the Yearly Meeting.

School was opened this year on 1st Mo. 3d, and closed on 5th Mo 19th.

Number of days taught	99
" Enrolled	134
" daily average	102¼
Per cent of attendance	90
Number of Teachers in Training Class	78
" teaching in different States	140
" taught by former students (estimated)	6300
" self-boarders in the buildings	68
" in reading class	134
" " written spelling	134
" " arithmetic	134
" " English grammar	105
" " " composition	105
" " United States history	17
" " Geology of Tennessee	6
" " Latin classes	12
" " Greek —	2
" " Algebra	7
" " Geometry	2
" " Book keeping	[illegible]
" " Trigonometry and Surveying	2
" " Rhetoric	4
" " Logic	4

It may be stated that, notwithstanding some of our students who would have attended had the School opened at the usual time, failed to do so on account of the uncertainty as to its future management; yet, a much larger number than usual were in attendance during the five months taught. They were generally of a more advanced grade than we had ever had before, both in the common school and higher branches of learning.

The moral and religious instruction has been kept up to the full standard. Especially have the subjects of Peace and Temperance

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Report of Freedmen's Com. continued

been kept prominently before the students. Through the liberality of a few New England Friends we have been supplied with literature on these subjects, which has been distributed and read by the students, and a number of them have requested for, and some have been supplied with, tracts for distribution at their homes, or in the locality where they may teach. The literary exercises at the close of the term were very largely upon these two subjects: and the orations and essays were listened to with marked attention by the entire audience, consisting of about equal numbers of both races.

Sabbath School and Religious Meetings have been kept up during the year.

Respectfully submitted
Wm. P. Hastings, Principal

Names of Com on Freedmen.

Freedmen's Committee – Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles F. Coffin, Joseph E. Briggs, Moses Sawyer, [illegible] A. Cartland, Hannah J. Bailey and Hannah B. Sawyer.

Report of the Trustees of the George Sturge Fund.

19. The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund, presented their Sixth Annual Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is as follows, Viz:–

To the Yearly Meeting.

The investment and safe keeping of the Fund remain the same as last year. The security for the Henry Camps Fund is also in the vault of the Rhode Island Safe Deposit Company.

The School was opened 1st mo 3d of this year. Sixty-two of the students admitted to the Normal Class were allowed, from the George Sturge Fund, one dollar and 30 cents a week each, which met all their expenses, including board, except between 60 and 70 cents a week.

It is not well to assume, generally, all the pecuniary responsibilities of the student, because it might induce him to form the injurious habit of making no effort to meet his own wants.

The aggregate number of weeks that these students have been helped is ten hundred and eighty-eight and four-fifths, equal to imparting instruction to more than twenty-eight students for one entire school year of thirty-eight weeks.

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Fund.

Financial Statement.

Receipts

To balance from last year	$812.36
" Coupons paid 7th month, 1886	727.50
" " " 1st " , 1887	727.50
" Interest to 5th mo , 1887	34.31
	$2301.67

Expenditures.

For assistance to 62 Students	$1415.44
" other expenses	15.00
Balance carried to new account	871.23
	$2301.67

For the Trustees

B. F. Knowles.

Portland 6th Mo 10th 1887.

Trustees

Names of Trustees of George Sturge Fund.

Benjamin F. Knowles, Warner R. Buffington, Augustin Jones, Owen Dame, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ellen K. Buffum and Susan S. Thompson.

Report of Com on Temperance

20. The Committee to promote the cause of Temperance, presented their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

While the Society of Friends has ceased to contend with in its own borders from the liquor traffic and its attendant evils, your Committee have found ample scope for all their faith, talent and energy, and have realized that its freedom from the hydra headed serpent has been one great factor in the work of aiding others to break away from the bonds that bind them.

We are sorry to say that we find some among the members of the Society of Friends who are not all clean.

We have been set apart by New England Yearly Meeting to represent its sentiments with reference to the use of stimulants and narcotics, and is it too much for us to say that the fact that some members of our Meetings on Ministry and Oversight indulge in the use of tobacco, hinders in no slight degree our effective work among people outside as well as among our own young members? May the dear Master open the eyes of such to see the responsibility resting upon them in this matter.

We have followed out the lines of work of previous years.

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with the addition of some new ones, according to the ever varying needs of the Church and the world.

A few of the Committee have engaged in active public service, others in a more quiet way at home, each "building over against his own house", co-operating with others in local work, assisting in obtaining better legislation and in the enforcement of laws already enacted, teaching the effect of stimulants and narcotics on the human system in the Day Schools, and Bible Temperance in the Sabbath Schools, introducing Temperance books into libraries, circulating Temperance tracts and cards, carrying to the inmates of reformatory or penal institutions the glad news that Jesus has power to break every chain. Special persistent efforts have been made in all these directions and in some cases blessed results are already apparent,— three cider manufacturers in different localities have given up this business as the result of the distribution of tracts bearing on the subject.

Some of the Committee keep themselves supplied with Temperance literature, watching for opportunities to place in the hands of others; such do not lack for opportunities—on the streets, in railway stations, post offices, reading rooms, in personal and business letters, thus "sowing beside all waters" the seed that must eventually bear fruit.

Of the new avenues for work opened to us during the past year, we would especially notice two. The opportunity to put Temperance literature in the hands of the boys on the U. S. Training Ships, and in the Naval Apprentice Reading Room in Newport, R. I. and to give regular instruction in the effects of stimulants and narcotics to the inmates of the State Industrial School of N. H. As we step out into these new paths we feel the need of the prayers and sympathy of the Church, that we may lay the foundations so broad and deep that the enemy of all good shall be unable to undermine them, work he ever so subtly.

The importance of early training of children grows upon us as we advance, and we are glad to report a large increase of interest in this department.

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The Superintendent of Juvenile Work has attended twenty-six public Temperance meetings, traveled outside of his own Quarterly Meeting two thousand miles, distributed four thousand tracts and over four thousand cards, and written three hundred letters and postals with reference to the work. He submits the following report:

"An earnest effort has been made to secure regular temperance teaching and signing of pledge, either in connection with the Bible School or through Temperance Bands. To this end nearly all the Superintendents have been visited or corresponded with and supplied with pledges, books, tracts, cards, and other literature. Blanks for report were sent Fourth Month 1st to all. Twenty responded, and from these I find there are eleven Temperance Bands, regular Temperance teaching in sixteen schools; fourteen schools have presented the pledge in the past year; one thousand and twenty have signed the single pledge, eight hundred and three the triple pledge (and four hundred and twenty-five the past year) I regret an apparent apathy on the part of some of our Bible School workers towards this important subject. It cannot be wise to neglect the moral instruction and training of the child, neither to intimat it is important in matters relating to public schools."

The General Committee have attended two hundred publi Meetings, and distributed more than eighty four thousand pages of Temperance literature. In six of our Monthly Meetings public meetings are held Monthly, and in a few cases weekly.

We are rejoiced to learn that thorough, systematic, scientific temperance instruction is given the pupils in both Boarding Schools under the care of our Yearly Meeting, in connection with the studies of Physiology and Chemistry.

As a result of the traffic in intoxicants, more than sixty thousand of our brothers and sisters drop annually into drunkards graves, with all that has been done in behalf of total abstinence, and the question presses home with startling earnestness to every child of God, — "Art thou doing all in thy power to save these precious souls for whom Christ died?" The Church has the power to do it, for she has the Divine promise Christ in the midst of her — and the word has been spoken by Him who is the foundation of truth, "Greater is he that is in you than he that

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is in the world," and "Greater is he that is for us than he that is against us."

We recommend this work be continued under the care of a Committee, and that $200 be appropriated for its use.

Mary A. Chase, Secretary.

Portland, Me. 6th Mo 11th 1887.

Treasurer's Report.

Received.

From George Howland, Jr., Treasurer	$150.00
For literature and cards sold	11.02
	$161.02

Payments.

Supplies of literature, pledges, cards for temperance schools and general distribution.	$87.11
Express, postage and postal cards.	7.40
Expenses holding meetings and organizing temperance schools.	63.61
Printing circulars and cards	2.90
	$161.02

John F. Chase, Treasurer.

Portland 6th Mo 11th, 1887.

Report of Com. on Temperance accepted and Com. authorized to continue its work.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee were encouraged to further service in this very important subject.

We invite the most earnest effort in stemming the tide of misery and sin which is now flooding our land, caused by this unholy traffic. The Committee is at liberty to revise its own number, and report at a future sitting.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

Records of the Representative Meeting read.

21. The records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

Com on Correspondence appointed.

22. The Committee appointed by the Men's Meeting for that purpose, presented the names of Friends, to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which is approved by the Meeting, as follows, Viz:— George Howland, Jr., Alfred H. Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, Samuel Buffum, Robert P. Gifford, William P. Macomber, J. Warren Hawkes, Thomas Wood, Charles H. Jones, Charles W. Goddard, George L. Crosman, John S. Kimber, Frank C. Cartland, Charles M. Jones, John F. Chase, Gideon Wood, Olney T. Meader, Isaac Steere, Thomas B. Nichols and William P. Jenkins.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning, the 13th, at 10 O'clock, in joint session.

Second-day Morning, the 13th. The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

Communication from Ind Yearly Mtg read.

23. The following communication from Indiana Yearly Meeting, held in 11th Month last, was received and read, Viz:—

"The subject of a conference of Committees from the different Yearly Meetings in America with which we correspond, having been introduced into this Meeting, after deliberate consideration it was believed that the holding of such a conference to consider matters appertaining to the welfare of our branch of the Church, would strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship amongst us, and tend to promote unity in important matters of faith and practice, in the different bodies into which Friends in America are divided. We are therefore united in proposing to our sister Yearly Meetings in America, that such a conference be held, and that it be composed of delegates appointed by the different Yearly Meetings, its conclusions to be only advisory; but that at least five Yearly Meetings must unite in it or the conference not be held. It is proposed that said Conference be held next year (1887) in Richmond, Ind., beginning on Sixth-day following the close of the Western Yearly Meeting, at 9 A.M. A cordial invitation is extended to London and Dublin Yearly Meetings to send delegates to this conference.

Taken from the minutes of the Indiana Yearly

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Communication from Ind Yy Mty continued and Com. appd. to select delegates.

Meeting of Friends held by adjournments from the 29th of 9th Month to the 4th of the 10th Mo. inclusive 1886.

Allen Jenell, Clerk"

Which having been seriously considered, the proposition therein contained was fully united with, and a Committee consisting of the following named Friends was appointed to present at a future sitting, the names of suitable Friends to constitute a delegation to said conference, viz:—J. Warren Hawkes, Mary G. Winslow, John B. Cartland, Anna M. Hussey, Alfred H. Jones, Mary R. Jones, Richard Butley, Mary A. Battey, Charles W. Webber, Phebe P. Jones, George Cartland, Jr., Susan T. Thompson, Joseph Cartland, Lydia C. Neal, Benjamin F. Knowles and Phebe S. Aydelott.

Request from R. I. Quarterly Meeting granted

24. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting requests that the hour of holding the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight at East Greenwich in 5th Month, and at Fall River in the 11th Mo, be changed from 3 to 2 O'clock P.M.; which is approved by this Meeting, and the change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information to that Quarterly Meeting.

Request from Sandwich Qr Mty in relation to Yy Mty Stock referred to Representatives.

25. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting proposes that the Yearly Meeting "take under consideration the subject of a new apportionment of stock for the several Quarterly Meetings", which is referred to the Representatives.

Requests from Sandwich and Vassalboro Qrs Mtgs referred to a Com

26. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting also requests of this Meeting that it "define precisely what the duties of Elders specifically are, and also what are the duties of the remaining members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, other than Ministers;"—and Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting requests "that that part of Query First relating to unbecoming behavior may be revised;"—both of which requests are referred to Benjamin F. Knowles, Rachel Anthony, Obadiah Chace, Esther Chace, William C. Newhall, Owen Dame, Louisa P. Hoag, Gertrude W. Cartland, Gideon Wood, Ruth S.

Com. appn. on request from Sandwich and Vassalboro 2d Meetings.

Murray, George Howland, Jr., Susan S. Tripp, Silas F. Brown, Charles W. Goddard, Lucy R. Goddard, Myra E. Frye, Susan Ann Gifford, Isaac Stiere, Salome C. Wheeler, Richard Battey, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Sarah Ellen Varney, Mary E. Taber, Timothy B. Hussey, Eunice D. Cartland, Benjamin F. Estes, Anna M. Hussey, Levi Jones, J. Warren Hawkes, Harriet N. Jones and Mary C. Hawkes, and they are requested to report at a future sitting.

Report of Com on Gospel Work

27. The Report of the Committee on Gospel Work was now presented and read, as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

It is no easy matter to sum up and give to the world results in such a work as this. We believe God's blessing rests upon whatever of faithful seed-sowing has been done by the members of this Committee during the past year:

"For well we know His patient love perceives
Not what we did, but what we strove to do;
And though the full ripe ears be sadly few,
He will accept our sheaves."

It seemed well to your Committee, in organizing last year, to appoint a Superintendent in each Quarterly Meeting, to look after the needs of the Meetings within its limits; and such reports as have been forwarded by them are here gathered and presented to the Yearly Meeting:—

Number of Meetings in the Yearly Meeting	72
" " " visited	64
Series " "	19
Meetings composing the series	260
" without continuous service	240
Bible readings	36
Children's Meetings	8
Families visited	574
Professed conversions	121
" renewals	77

The results of the work in the different Meetings may be summed up as follows; The Church in each place has been strengthened, an increase of spiritual life and interest in the Lord's work has been manifest among the members, and in some Meetings souls have been saved. Family visiting has received marked blessing.

While more work has been done in some Quarterly Meetings than in others, the aim has been to keep close to the leading, accepting it from the Lord, who, when He sees the fulness of time has come in certain parts of His vineyard gives the command to the laborers, "Thrust ye in the sickle and reap." Sometimes when it has seemed as though a series of Meetings could be held in some locality, the way has all closed up, and this has occurred even when there has been a call on the part of some members in a Meeting for such service; while in some instances where faithful seed-sowing has been done, the results have not been apparent at the time, owing to the fact that other gatherings, not of a religious nature, were in progress, which drew away from the Meetings those most susceptible to divine truth — the young.

At Winthrop the series of meetings was followed by organized effort for the promotion of the cause of Christ, which brought the new converts into a place of blessed service for the Master. One worker in this field writes as follows; "We adopted this plan of getting at the real nursing work of the Church, and also looking after the pastoral work, which is claiming so much attention from [illegible]."

Spiritual death is creeping into some of our Meetings, as a result of spiritual sloth and indolence. If in all our Meetings our members were alive to the tremendous responsibilities, as well as the glorious privileges of the hour, we should see the Church keeping step with her Lord in the evangelization of not only those within her own borders; but throughout the world. "It may be our Divine Leader shall indicate a forward movement, and require the Church to move at a quicker pace than that to which she has been accustomed. Let her be careful lest she be left behind. If our brethren say to us "Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts" let us beware how we remain indifferent." Let us beware how we criticize those who are seeking to keep pace with their Divine Lord and Master in the glorious work of bringing souls to a sense of their lost condition and a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, remembering that if we allow-

Report of Committee on Indian Work continued.

coldness to spring up in our hearts towards any fellow believer, the Lord Jesus Christ accounts it as done unto him.

We recommend that this work be continued under a newly appointed Committee, and that the Yearly Meeting liberally provide means to forward the work.

Timothy B. Hussey, Chairman.

Elizabeth T. Larkin, General Superintendent.

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Treasurer's Report.

Balance from last year	$57.87
Cash collected at Newport	169.00
Amount received from subscriptions at Newport	166.00
Yearly Meeting appropriation	300.00
	$692.87
Amount expended by Committee	606.90
	$85.97

The Report accepted and the Committee at liberty to revise its own number.

The review of the work brought before us by this report has inspired feelings of encouragement and thankfulness, and is satisfactory.

A contribution entered into on its behalf.

The Meeting entered into a voluntary contribution, and the sum of $287 was raised and placed in the hands of the Committee. The Committee now under appointment are at liberty to revise the members of that Committee, and report at a future sitting.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 O'clock.

Afternoon — The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Delegate from Maine Conference M. E. Church present.

28. Our brother Henry P. Torsey is with us at this time, presenting a letter from the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We would return through him our Christian greeting to these our brethren, bidding them God speed in their service for our common Master.

Representative Meeting Appointed

29. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year, which is approved, and they are accordingly

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appointed, viz:— Samuel R. Buffinton, Ellen K. Buffum, Phebe S. Aydelott, Benjamin F. Knowles, William C. Newhall, Daniel C. Maxfield, Lydia C. Neal, Gertrude W. Cartland, George Howland, Jr., Joseph Ewer, Ruth S. Murray, Charity C. Chace, Reuben T. Jones, Henry F. Newell, Lucy R. Goddard, Myra E. Frye, Richard Battey, James C. Inman, Mary A. Battey, Saloma C. Wheeler, Eli Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, William A. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, William P. Tuttle, Anna M. Hussey, Emeline H. Tuttle, Levi Jones, J. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary C. Hawkes, Charles A. Chace, Augustine Jones, Owen Frame, Charles F. Coffin, William Thompson, Augustus F. Cox, John J. Frye, Joseph Cartland, Susan S. Tripp, Susan Ann Gifford, Susan F. Hoxie, Olney T. Meader, Phebe P. Jones and Peter M. Neal.

Temperance Com. appointed.

30. The Comittee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on Temperance, which is approved by the Meeting, and is as follows, viz:— Charles A. Chace, John S. Kimber, Annie C. Carr, Mary W. Chace, William Jacob, Augustine Jones, John F. Chase, Mary A. Chase, Elizabeth T. Larkin, George L. Crosman, William Wood, Albert N. Peaslee, J. Warren Huntington, Joshua L. Macomber, Hannah R. Gifford, Henry A. Slocum, Elizabeth C. Murray, Charles W. Goddard, Augustus F. Cox, Ezra Hawkes, Alice W. Hawkes, Ellen C. Jones, Edward S. Hacker, Abigail Wheeler, Adelaide Wheeler, Oscar F. Morse, Arthur H. Swift, Frank E. Jones, Ruthanna T. Nichols, Elizabeth K. Jones, Emily S. Weeks, George W. Varney, Emeline H. Tuttle, Catherine F. Hanson, William T. Hussey, Joseph J. Cartland, Harriet N. Jones, Mary Elma Richardson, Hepsie S. Hoxie, Hannah J. Bailey and Joseph E. Briggs.

Report of Com on Foreign Missions.

31. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee to whom was intrusted the care of the Foreign Mission work, in making their Annual Report, have again to acknowledge that the manifest blessing of our Heavenly Father has rested upon our labors the past year to extend the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in Bible lands.

Encouraging reports have reached us from

Report of Com. on Foreign Missions continued.

the workers on Mount Lebanon, which have been confirmed by letters received from John and Sarah W. Newlin of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, who spent a few weeks at the Mission the past winter. They write that much interest is manifested by those engaged in the work to push it forward as fast as possible towards enlightening and elevating the inhabitants of Syria. The interest in the Meetings for worship is increasing, and it was found that the Meeting-house owned by the Mission in the village of Brumana was too small to accommodate the number who were usually in attendance. Early in the year, English Friends decided to build a larger one near the Mission; this has been done, and adds very much to the convenience and usefulness of the work.

There has been very little change in the corps of workers during the year. Those who have been at the head of the various departments the past four years, and so faithfully carried on the interests of the Mission, are still giving direction to the work. In Brumana and the surrounding villages where our Schools have been held, and the influence of the Mission felt since its commencement, there is marked improvement in the religious and social condition of the people.

The number of girls in the Home has been increased the past year to twenty; eleven of these are supported by American Friends.

Maria Feltham, who remained at the Home from its opening, as its matron, having gone to reside with Dr. Bashara, and devote her time more to the hospital work, a young lady from England went out to fill her place, which she is doing very acceptably.

Eight day-schools have been in operation during the year under the care of native teachers, five of whom are members of the Monthly Meeting. These Schools are well attended by the children of the villages. There is a steady increase in the work done by the Medical Department, which adds largely to the influence of the Mission among all classes.

One of the brightest spots in the work is the Mother's Meeting, under the care of Susan Waldmeier. When she first began this work she had to go from house to house, and try to persuade the mothers to come, and when a few came, they were very untidy, and rude in talk and behavior. Now over one hundred are often to-gether, and they show in their

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becoming deportment and chaste conversation, a marked improvement over what they were a few years ago.

The Government has laid out, and is now building a carriage road from Beyrout to Brumana, passing close to the Mission, which we are expected to assist some in building. We have already forwarded £10 towards the expense.

It is the opinion of your Committee, that a Mission in Bible lands, under the immediate care of New England Yearly Meeting, would tend to increase the interest in Foreign Mission work. As we have about half enough funds raised to build a new Training Home for girls, we would suggest that we look to severing our connection our connection with English Friends in the work at Brumana and concentrating our means and energies in the work at Ramalla, or elsewhere if way should open.

With grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for His blessing, and to the Friends of our own and other Yearly Meetings, for their assistance in the work, we would commend it to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting, and ask that the sum of eight hundred dollars be appropriated for the work the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
Charles M. Jones
Clerk

Portland 6th Mo 13th, 1887.

Treasurers Report of Com. on Foreign Missions.

Treasurers Report.

Committee of New England Yearly Meeting on Foreign Missions in account with Timothy R. Hussey, Treasurer.

1886	Dr	
8th Mo 27th	To paid J. Waldmeier £210 for general Expenses of the Mission	$1,016.40
1887 " " " "	J. Waldmeier £65 for Girls Training Home	314.60
1887 3 Mo 2nd " " "	J. Waldmeier for general Expenses of the Mission £150	732.00
" " " "	J. Waldmeier £65 for Girls Training Home	317.20
5 Mo 17th " "	J. Waldmeier £10 towards building road on Mount Lebanon	49.75
" 19	To Balance deposited in New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	285.17
		$2,715.12

Treasurer's	Cr.	
Report of Com. on Foreign Missions continued.	By balance from last year	$241.94
	" contributions at Yearly Meeting	430.24
	" amounts received from Monthly Meetings and individuals	555.14
	" checks from Treasurer of the W. F. M. S. of Western Yearly Meeting for the education of 7 girls for the year	461.00
	" amount received from Treasurer of Yearly Meeting	750.00
	" " " " " " W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting	123.80
	" amount drawn from New Bedford Five cents Savings Bank	153.00
		$2,715.12

Timothy B. Hussey,
Treasurer.

Report of Com on Foreign Missions accepted and Com. continued

The labors and care of the Committee are appreciated, and the Report is satisfactory. The Committee is encouraged in the further prosecution of the work as the Lord opens the way. The Committee now under appointment is continued another year. The sum of $419.67 was collected by voluntary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year, and the said contributions are desired to be made as early as the First Month next year. The Committee are Eli Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, William Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, George Howland, Jr., Anna G. Wood, Charles M. Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, S. Caroline Tobey, Ezra Hawkes, Harriet D. Collins, Elisa Taber, Eliza P. Varney, Mary W. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Elizabeth K. Jones, Mary A. Chase, Huldah H. Leighton, Hannah J. Bailey, Addie F. Chace, Eli Jepson, Charles A. Chace, Phebe W. Sawtelle, Mabel G. Bailey, Ellwood A. Bailey, Ruthanna H. Nichols and Herbert A. Skinner.

Report of Com. on Education.

32. The Committee on Education have presented their Annual Report, as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting;

Conferences have been held during the past year at New Bedford, Windham, Winthrop and China.

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Report of Com. on Education cont'd.

These have been largely attended, both by Friends and others, and have been very interesting and profitable seasons.

We are glad to note an increasing interest on the part of our Members in regard to the education of their children. Many have expressed to your Committee as fruit of the Conferences held, their determination in the future to exercise greater care in the home training of their children, as well as in the school influences by which they are surrounded.

With the [illegible] advantages offered by the two Friends Meeting Boarding Schools Providence on the west and Oak Grove on the east, there seems to be no good reason for Friends in sending their Children from home, patronizing other Schools than one of these.

In looking over the work of the past year, your Committee are painfully conscious that but a small amount of what at the beginning they hoped to accomplish, has been performed; yet we thankfully acknowledge that the blessing of Him, "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge", has rested richly upon the efforts we have made to advance the educational interests of our Society.

We trust the Yearly Meeting will continue its concern, and recommend that the usual sum, one hundred Dollars, be appropriated this year, to be drawn upon by a future Committee as needed.

On the Committee
Charles H. Jones.
Ruth S. Murray.

Report of Com. on Education accepted and Com. Continued.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the Committee continued for service another year, Viz:— Augustine Jones, Caroline Jones of Deering, Me. Anna F. Cole, Charles H. Jones, Catharina H. Nichols, Eli Jones, Myra E. Frye, John Elwood Paige, Phebe W. Sawtelle, Ruth S. Murray and Gertrude W. Cartland.

Report of Com. on income of the Mosher Fund.

33. The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for this service another year. The Report

Rept of Com on Income of Mother Fund continued

is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

We subscribed for one hundred and ten copies of "Friends Review", and fifty four copies of "Star and Crown", which have been sent principally to members and attenders of our Meetings.

We have distributed one hundred copies of "Offices of the Holy Spirit" by Dougan Clark, in addition to those previously sent out.

Also one thousand tracts "Brief views of Doctrines of Christianity as set forth in Holy Scriptures, and held by the Society of Friends".

Five hundred pamphlets, "The Baptism and Supper of our Lord," published by New York Friends' Home and Foreign Committee.

Also four hundred volumes of "Three Apostles of Quakerism", by B. Rhodes.

On behalf of the Committee,

Wm Thompson.

Portland 6th mo 10th 1887

Treasurer's acct. Com. on income Mother Fund.

Treasurer's Account.

Receipts.

Balance from last year's account.	$122.25
Received from C. F. Coffin, Trustee	500.00
	$622.25

Expenditures.

Paid for 111 copies "Offices of Holy Spirit."	$45.61
" " 110 " Friends' Review.	164.40
" " 6 Sample Copies Newman's "George Fox"	6.60
" " 1000 copies "Brief view of Doctrines of Friends."	30.00
" " 500 " "Baptism and Supper of our Lord."	35.00
" " 54 " "Star and Crown	54.00
" " 400 " "Three Apostles of Quakerism".	120.00
" " 6 Sample. Copies "Spitalfields Genius"	3.60
" " Freight and Express	12.61
	471.82
Balance to new account-	150.43
	$622.25

J. E. Paige,
Treasurer.

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Com. on Mother Fund

The Committee are, viz:- William Thompson, Alfred H. Jones, John Elwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ruth S. Murray and Esther Jones.

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Report of Trustees of Mosher Fund.

34. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Trustees of the Mosher Fund report that the income of the past year has been:—

From Boston City Bond	$500.00
" Lynn Institution for Savings	79.32
" New Bedford " " "	32.28
	$611.60

The payments for the year have been:—

To the Book Committee, J. E. Paige Treasurer	$500.00
" added to capital	111.60
	$611.60

Present investment of Mosher Fund.

The Fund is invested in:—

Boston 5% City Bond, Registered	$10,000.00
Lynn Institution for Savings	2,017.99
New Bedford " " "	831.36
	$12,849.55

For the Trustees

C. H. Coffin,
Trustee.

Lynn, Mass 5th Mo 25th 1887.

We adjourn to meet in separate sessions, to-morrow Morning at 10 O'clock

Third-day Morning, the 14th.

The Meeting assembled in separate session, pursuant to adjournment.

Representatives Called —

35. The Representatives being called, were present except 27.

London Epistle Rec'd and Read.

36. An Epistle from London Yearly Meeting, addressed to this Meeting, was now received and read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

State of Society considered by reading Queries and Answers.

37. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The Answers are as follows, viz:—

Answer 1st. Our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except in 19 instances, and those on the Island of Nantucket during part of the year; also, the Mid-week

Summary ans continued.

Meetings in two small Meetings of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting; and four Quarterly Meetings report a few small Meetings omitted. First-day morning Meetings generally well attended. Those in the middle of the week, and for discipline, more neglected. The hour nearly observed. With little exception Friends are preserved from unbecoming behavior.

Answer 2nd — With little exception, love and unity are maintained, and detraction nearly guarded against. Care is taken to end differences when they appear.

Answer 3d — Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train the children as queried after. Two Quarterly Meetings report the need of more care in these respects.

Answer 4th — With few exceptions, Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually, and in their families, and encourage those under their care in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained with some exceptions.

Answer 5th — The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage avoided, with twenty exceptions. Clear in the other parts of this Query with few exceptions.

Answer 7th — Clear as to military matters, with little exception, reported in five Quarterly Meetings. A few exceptions reported as to oaths, and two cases as to public revenue.

Answer 8th — We believe Friends are clear in their business relations with little exception.

Answer 9th — Not quite clear as to records and removal certificates. Some care taken.

Answer 10th — The discipline is administered with Christian tenderness, and impartially, but not always so timely as would be best.

Minute on State of Society.

The indications of a low spiritual life apparent in the answers to the Queries, and in the outward conditions observable in some sections, ought not to discourage us. Why should our hands hang down when God through Christ Jesus has conferred upon His Church a power which binds in Heaven whatsoever is bound on earth. We are to represent to fallen men the "power of God unto salvation" which He has given us, and if men are lost within our jurisdiction the

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fault is not this, but is to be found, either in the unfaithfulness of those who hear the word, or our failure to declare it. We lack a knowledge of the things of God, but if we search the Scriptures, and put a "Thus saith the Lord" behind us as our support; the life of the Church will gather to itself as surely as the live tree bearing fruit whose life is in itself,- reproduces itself. Let the power of God rest upon us experimentally. Our forms are adapted to the needs of the lost, but we trust too much to the rules of the Church. We need better to understand the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel of Christ; as error will creep in when those who teach are unable to refute it. Let not those who do ... attend mid-week meetings be discouraged because they are small. In these we are often more blessed, because we get nearer to God. While in them we should free our minds from the business of the world. If we have God with us all the time, and go with Him to Meeting, we can ask Him to bless us, and He will. We are divinely commissioned and we must be faithful to our trust, that God may be glorified. The hireling is one who labors for the fleece. Each member of the body of Christ will bear cheerfully his share of all burdens in spiritual and in temporal things.

Every man is responsible for the beliefs he holds, and the risk he takes, when they prevent or hinder the work of Christ, or the surrender of what belongs to Him. So great is the inconsistency between drunkenness and what is to be expected of a member of the Church, that we should labor with a view of at once making her as clean on the question of temperance, as she is in respect to slavery. And as what we fail to accomplish for ourselves, may be secured for us by special agencies other than our own, we are not to conclude that because we are defeated nothing can be done.

Our interest in an erring brother should be so genuine and fervent that a delay in telling him his fault, between him and ourselves alone, would bring to our own hearts the conviction that we are ourselves at fault.

Answers to the Queries of Mtg on Ministry and Oversight.

38. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz:-

Answer 1st.- With little exception we are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Answer 2nd.- We are in unity one with another, and with the meetings to which we belong, with few exceptions; and our labor together in gathering unto Christ is generally harmonious.

Answer 3d.- We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, according to the requirements of this Query, and with slight exception careful not to misquote or misapply them.

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While the Queries and Answers were being considered, the lips of the Lord's servants were filled with messages for Him.

We were counselled to have a tender care over our young people in regard to their attendance upon our Meetings. If they have been absent, let us show them by our kind enquiries, that we have a loving interest in them; that our hearts are made glad by their presence, and that we miss them when they are absent. Let us strive to have our Meetings held so truly in the power of the spirit that we can speak to any who have been absent of the blessedness of the Meeting, thus encouraging their attendance.

It is not enough that there should be harmony and unity in a Meeting, if it is not shown in really gathering unto Christ. There may be the harmony of death, as well as the harmony of life. There has always been a disposition on the part of the dead members of the Church to persecute the living members, from the persecution of David by Saul till the present time. Defects will always exist in a living Church. Let us not, then, be discouraged at imperfect answers to the Queries.

We need to recognize the fact that while there are diversities of gifts, there is the same Spirit; and filled with that one Spirit, whatever our gifts, there will be unity and a sweet harmony. It is said of the tribe of Zebulon that they came with

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one heart to make David King. They could keep rank and were not of double heart. They came to offer their united service to the King. When bodies of soldiers are marching they are commanded to break step when crossing a bridge, lest the bridge should go down. We, as soldiers of the cross, are to march shoulder to shoulder, under our glorious Captain, that we may break down the bulwarks of Satan's kingdom in the earth. The enemy sees us when we break step, as soldiers of the cross, and is glad of the weakness that ensues in our ranks, and in our work for God.

There is only one way in which we can keep step, and that is by marching altogether for the King. The King's mind is to be our mind, the King's will our pleasure. We must be all absorbed in pleasing Him. If we are filled with His Spirit we shall be marching exclusively for the King. If we are looking all about us, trying to work in harmony with others, continually fearful of disunity, there will be lack of harmony, and the work will not go on. If our eye is on the King, and we are filled with His Spirit, it will matter but little to us what others say of us.

Divine love cements together the hearts of God's children. Filled with this love we shall present an unbroken phalanx, all fault-finding will be removed, we shall truly love even those who differ from us. We must go forward, trusting our King in everything, and not be afraid of disunity.

Let us remember the promise of the Lord Jesus, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." This is the marriage of the Divine. "I in them, and Thou in Me." Why? "That the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." That the world may believe that Thou hast not only sent Me into the world to die for its redemption, but also that Thou hast sent me again in the person of the Holy Ghost to dwell in the hearts of My disciples. This is the gift of God; not an acquirement, but a Divine impartation.

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The Holy Spirit descended on the Lord Jesus at His baptism, before He entered upon His public Ministry, and it abode upon Him. If He, the Divine Son of God, needed this holy anointing, do not we, His servants, need it to-day? Dare we enter on the ministry of the Word without it? And are we not all the ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ, members of the royal priesthood? "Forasmuch as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind; for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin". Jesus says, "Take thy cross and follow me". Where are we to follow Him? To Gethsemane, and up the rugged steeps of Calvary. We must come to the crucifixion of self, to the death of sin. There comes a great cry to us to-day from across the water, from the islands of the sea, from countless localities in our own land, from the manufacturing population of our large towns and cities, a great cry for the bread of life. If we are "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ, our Lord," we can lead sinners to Him. Let the prayer from all our hearts be that the Church may come down so low that the Holy Ghost may fill us. Let us not ask God to humble us. The command is, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up." When the mind of Christ dwells in us, all differences which are a hinderance to the harmonious effective work of the Church, will disappear.

We need to remember that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and that it is to be accepted in its entirety. Its spiritual teaching must be brought home to the heart and conscience.

Our children should be taught from it not only those matters pertaining to life and salvation, but also what foundation we have in Scripture for our own distinctive views as a denomination.

Alfred H. Jones.
Clerk.

Com. on Gospel Work appointed.

39. The Committee appointed for that purpose, propose the following named Friends for a Committee on Gospel Work, which is approved by this Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly, viz:—

Eli Jones, Anna G. Wood, Ruth S. Murray, William Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Henry C. Aydelott, Phebe S. Aydelott, Charles H. Jones, William Jacob, Charles M. Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, J. Warren Hawkes, William P.

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Macomber, Harriet D. Collins, Elizabeth T. Larkin, John B. Cartland, Timothy B. Hussey, Annie M. Ray, Emeline H. Tuttle, Charles E. Pearlee, Andrew J. Williams, Saloma C. Wheeler, Charles W. Goddard, Albert F. Minott and Sarah E. Buffinton.

Adjourned to 3 O'Clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.— The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

London General Printed Epistle Rec'd and read and 4000 copies ordered to be printed.

40. The London General Printed Epistle, issued this year, was now received and read, to our mutual comfort and edification, and in order that its excellent contents may be circulated amongst our members and others, we direct that the Clerk cause an edition of 4000 copies to be printed and sent down to our several Quarterly Meetings, and draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for the expense incurred.

Report of Com. on Oak Grove Sem.

41. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary for past year have presented their Annual Report, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee in care of Oak Grove Seminary, in presenting their third Annual Report, are thankful to say that the School year just closed has been a very successful and satisfactory one. The average attendance has been a little over ninety one, a gain of eight over last year, or a total gain in the three terms of twenty six.

Autumn Term	41 boys, 44 girls.
Winter Term	48 " , 40 " .
Spring Term	56 " , 45 " .
Total	274 scholars.

The religious meetings have been continued on First and Third-day evenings through the year. These are attended by all the pupils who board at the School. The interest has been very marked. Seventeen Conversions during the year. The health of the School has been very good.

The graduating exercises took place on Second-day evening, 5th month 13th, and were very creditable to those who graduated, and to the School.

Report of Oak Grove Seminary continued.

At the beginning of the school year, Charles H. Jones, the efficient classical teacher, resigned his position, in order to embrace an opportunity offered him of studying a year in Europe. While we regretted the necessity of making the change, we were fortunate in securing the services of Arthur W. Jones, A.B., who has ably filled the position.

Charles Fletcher, Principal of the Commercial Department, also resigned. This place was filled by Frank E. Cartland, who has given excellent satisfaction. The faculty of the School is composed entirely of members of our Society, all earnest Christians. We hope Friends will appreciate the fact and give it their patronage and hearty support.

The sum of four hundred and seventy four dollars has been expended during the past year in repairs and improvements, which sum has been donated by friends of the School, and we have the privilege of closing another year free from debt.

Application was made to the Legislature of Maine the past Winter, for aid from the State to carry on the School. They appropriated six hundred dollars a year for four years, payable annually, for that purpose.

We gratefully acknowledge the blessings which have attended the School in the past, and trust with the continued care of the Yearly Meeting.

Instructors.

Charles H. Jones, Principal, Mathematics and Language.
H. Elizabeth Jones, Matron.
Frank E. Cartland, Commercial Department.
Arthur W. Jones, A.B. Classical Department.
Ellen A. Winslow, Normal Department.
Emma J. Cartland, Preparatory Department.
Elvin M. Hawes, Penmanship.
Emily S. Weeks, Drawing and Painting.

Tuition.

The expenses of any pupil, for board, tuition, room rent, heating, lighting, washing &c., need not exceed $150.00 per school year.

The tuition and one half the board must be paid at the opening, and the balance at the middle of each term.

All applications should be made to Charles H. Jones, Principal Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Me.

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Calendar.

1887 Fall Term begins, Third-day, 8th mo 23d
" " Closes, Sixth-day 11th mo 11th

Recess of one week.

Winter Term begins, Third-day 11th mo 22nd
1888 " " closes, Sixth-day 2nd mo 10th

Recess of one week.

Spring Term begins, Third-day 2nd mo 21st
" " closes, Sixth-day 5th mo 11th

Vacation.

Fall Term of school year 1888-89 begins Third-day 8th mo 21st. Written examinations at the close of each term. Public examination and graduation exercises at the close of the Spring Term.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
Charles M. Jones,
Clerk.

Treasurer's Report of Oak Grove Seminary.

Treasurer's Report

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1886 5th mo 20th	By cash on hand	$230
9th " 8th	" " rec'd from State Treasurer	300.00
" " 10th	" " collected by Anna Hall	3.25
" " "	" " " " Arthur Taber	17.50
11th " 17th	" " " " " "	8.11
" "	" " from H. J. Bailey	10.00
" "	" " " J. E. Briggs	5.00
1887 1 mo 5th	" " " " " "	10.00
" "	" " " Benjamin F. Knowles	10.00
" "	" " " H. J. Bailey	10.00
" "	" " " Timothy B. Hussey	5.00
" "	" " " John J. Frye	5.00
" 16th	" " " Susan T. Thompson	5.00
" "	" " " John F. Chase	5.00
" "	" " " James N. Chase	10.00
" "	" " " David K. Akin	10.00
" 23d	" " " Mary W. Jones	5.00
" 24	" " " Sarah Marble	5.00
" 25	" " " C. A. Chase	35.00
" 29	" " " Moses Tan	3.00
" 31	" " " Olney T. Meader	15.00
" 4th	" " " John H. Chase	5.00
	Amount carried up	484.16

Accounts repat. Oak Grove Seminary, con. [illegible]

		Amount brought up	$484.16
1887 4 mo	4th	Obadiah Chace	5.00
"	11th "	Amesbury Friends	6.00
"	12th "	Sarah Swift	10.00
5th mo	6th "	Oscar Morse	5.00
"	"	Lois Aldrich	2.00
"	"	George Varney	1.00
"	"	James Reed	1.00
"	"	Alice R. Cranston and Sister	1.00
"	13th "	Salome C. Wheeler	5.00
			$520.16

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1886 8 mo	26th	To cash paid Charles H. Jones	75.00
9 "	10th "	" " " H. J. Bailey	12.55
"	"	" " " C. H. Jones	2.00
11th mo	4th "	" " " Arthur C. Taber (Services)	100.00
"	"	" " " P. C. P. & S. W.	72.32
"	5th "	" " " Freight-bill	19.50
12th mo	10th "	" " " Charles H. Jones	75.00
" "	22nd "	" " " " " "	11.54
1887 2 mo	5th "	" " " R. H. Nichols	5.98
3 "	2nd "	" " " Charles H. Jones	75.00
" "	29th "	" " " Premium on policies	60.00
6th mo	13th "	To balance on hand	11.[illegible]
			$520.16

Amount of Sybil Jones Fund $275.00

J. E. Briggs, Treasurer.

Report of Com. on Oak Grove Seminary satisfactory and the same continued.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting. The Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year. Joseph E. Briggs is reappointed Treasurer. A contribution was taken up in this and the Women's Meeting to add to the Sybil Jones Fund, referred to in the Report; the sum of $90.25 was collected and directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee. The Committee are Charles M. Bailey, Eli Jones, C. Irving Bailey, Charles H. Jones, Augustus Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Benjamin F. Knowles, John J. Frye, Joseph T. Richardson, Ezra Hawes, John H. Coleman, Timothy B. Hussey, Arthur Taber, Frank E. Jones, John F. Chase, Alfred H. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Susan S. Thompson, Myra E. Frye, Huldah H. Leighton,

1887. Names of Com. on Oak Grove Seminary Continued.

[illegible] E. Nichols, Mary E. Richardson, Harriet D. Hoxie, S. Jane Cox, Harriet D. Collins, Mary W. Jones of Newport, Mary Ann Hoxie, Julia E. Winslow, Emma S. Briggs, C. Alice Jones, Mary E. Taber and Sarah Marble.

Repor of Com. on proposition from Ind. Yearly Meeting.

42. The Committee appointed at a previous session in relation to the proposition of Indiana Yearly Meeting made a Report, which is satisfactory, and the delegates therein named are appointed accordingly, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a suitable Minute, signed by direction and on behalf of this Meeting. The Report is as follows, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to whom was refferred the nomination of delegates to the approaching Conference in Richmond, Ind. present the following

Delegates to Conference of Friends at Richmond, Ind. appointed.

William O. Newhall, Benjamin F. Knowles, Ruth S. Murray, Charles H. Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Augustine Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Elizabeth T. Larkin, and Reuben T. Jones.

We recommend that the delegates be left at liberty to draw upon our Treasurer for their expenses.

For the Committee

J. Warren Hawkes.

Portland, Me. 6th Mo 14th 1887.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 O'clock.

Fourth-day Morning, the 15th. The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Wm and Susan T. Thompson liberated for service abroad.

43. By the reading of the Minute furnished them by the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, we are informed that our beloved friends William and Susan T. Thompson have been liberated for the performance of religious service in Great Britain and Ireland, on some parts of the continent of Europe, and in Syria and Palestine.

Report of Com. on Western Indians.

44. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report, which has been

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read, and is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

On account of the change in the administration of Government at Washington, those positions in the Educational Department of the Indian Service, which were occupied by Friends, have been filled by other persons, so that now there are no teachers in charge of Government Schools for whom the Society is responsible.

The work under the care of the Associated Executive Committee has been in rendering assistance to Schools not under Government control, but conducted by Friends, and in the religious instruction given by Friends living among them. There are two Monthly Meetings composed almost wholly of Indian members; first, Grand River Monthly Meeting, in the northeastern corner of the Indian Territory; and second, Sharonetown Monthly Meeting, lying about two hundred miles south of the former.

A new Preparative Meeting has been added within the year; called Skiatook, in Grand River Monthly Meeting, with a membership of forty-two, almost all of them Shawnees and Cherokees, who had never made any previous profession of Christianity. There are ten places where meetings are held. Number of Indian members exceed two hundred and fifty. Grand River Monthly Meeting has eight subordinate meetings.

The peculiar interest of Friends generally in the Modoc tribe, leads us to speak particularly of the Modoc Meeting, which has done well the past year. J. M. Watson, writes, they are in a better condition spiritually than at any time since he has been among them. Frank Modoc's triumphant faith in Jesus to the close of life, has been of great advantage in strengthening them to a closer walk with God, and a daily watching unto prayer. God removes His workers but carries on His work. Four are coming forward in the Ministry.

J. S. George, a relative of Frank Modoc, seems likely to take his place. He reads and writes readily, and is a humble Christian; he has also an industrious and Christian wife. They are living in Frank Modoc's house, which has been secured to his son Elwood by the Agent. John M. Watson and wife have withdrawn from this Station on account of the feeble health of the latter, and their places

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have been filled by Jesse Stanley and wife, of Iowa.

C. E. Bates, Superintendent of White's Institute, says: The [illegible] is growing vigorous and has improved health, and that he is a decided Christian boy, and learns well.

A new responsibility has been placed upon those interested in Indian affairs, by the passage of the bill giving them lands in severalty, and as rapidly as possible all thought that they are Indians should be laid aside, and they should be regarded as our county men. Indeed, an important part of our present duty to Indians is to bring about in each of them that change of character and conduct which shall conform them to the type of good white citizens, and fit them to live under the new conditions that now surround them. Our Society cannot find a more needy people, nor more fruit for the labor bestowed, than in the work of Indian Christianization.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3.500. We recommend that $525. be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We ask also that the Treasury of our own Committee be replenished, not only by a collection to be raised in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

That our Heavenly Father may give us more faith and faithfulness, and may save many more of these our fellowmen, using us as His agents, is our prayer.

On behalf of the Committee,

Myra E. Frye, Secretary.

Portland 6th Mo 14th, 1887.

Treasurer's Report of Com. on Indian Indians.

Treasurer's Report.

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1886.			
6th Mo	14th	Balance of cash	$92.49
"	15 "	Collected at Yearly Meeting, Newport	103.78
7 "	13th "	From Providence Bible School	6.00
"	23 "	" Fall River " "	17.98
8 "	31st "	" Weare Monthly Meeting	1.75
9 "	15th "	" Rochester Preparative Meeting	4.00
"	25th "	" Friends in Worcester, Mass	65.00
11 "	12th "	" Sandwich Monthly Meeting	23.00
1887 1st Mo	20	" Westport " "	12.00
"	21	" Weare " "	9.50
"	"	" Bolton " "	6.50
		Amount carried up	$342.00

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1887	Amount brought up	$342.00
2 Mo 3	From Greenwich Monthly Meeting, R.I.	5.00
2 " 21 "	Unity " "	1.00
" 25 "	Falmouth " "	22.00
3 " 30 "	Friends in New Bedford	42.00
4 " 9 "	Sidney Monthly Meeting	3.00
" 28 "	Rhode Island " "	18.50
" " "	Swansea " "	11.45
5 " 5 "	Providence " "	12.00
		$456.95

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1886 7 Mo 20th	Paid to John J. Frye on acct. of Frank Modoc's funeral expenses	$50.00
12 Mo 11th "	Dr James E. Rhoads for a tent furnished to Lizzie Test by the Associated Committee of Friends	50.00
1887 2nd Mo 7th "	Lizzie Test	50.00
3d " 30th "	" " "	50.00
5 Mo 10th "	Jeremiah Hubbard, to pay a Wyandotte Indian for ten days work	6.50
6 Mo 12th "	John Hall, Missionary to Senecas	25.00
" " "	J. B. Bishop " " Ottawas	25.00
" " "	J. F. Mardock " " Skiatook	25.00
" " "	Eliza Watson	25.00
" " "	Abel Bond, engaged in visiting schools and distributing tracts	25.00
" " "	John H. Watson, for the benefit of Grand River Monthly Meeting	50.00
" " "	Elwood Weesner, Missionary to Alaska	25.00
	Balance on hand	50.45
		$456.95

Anthony M. Kimber,
Treasurer.

Newport, R.I. 6th Mo 4th 1887.

Report of Indian Com. accepted and Com. continued

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to raise subscriptions to aid the Committee in their labors as last year. The sum of $65.38 was raised by voluntary contribution, by this and the Women's Meeting, and placed in the hands of the Com.

Members of the Associated Executive Committee,
William C. Newhall.
Timothy B. Hussey.

1887. Names of Com. on Western Indians.

Committee, William O. Newhall, Ellen K. Buffum, Augustine Jones, Rebecca Anthony, John J. Frye, Myra E. Frye, Joseph E. Briggs, Anthony M. Kinder, Lisa C. Tuttle, Emeline H. Tuttle, Eli Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Sarah D. Brown, Olney T. Meader, Sarah J. Swift, Frank E. Jones, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Mary G. Winslow, Anna M. Cove and Hannah J. Bailey.

Report of Com. on Bible Schools.

45. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools, has now been read and is as follows, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

Since our last Report there has been but little apparent change in the state of our Bible Schools and the work generally.

A few schools which have been indefinitely closed, have been reorganized and are at work, and some new ones established are prospering. Some union and Mission Schools have passed from our care and are continuing their work under other organizations.

Several maps have been furnished, and some supplies to small Schools. We have endeavored to encourage the workers by a general letter sent to each School, also to stimulate and increase an interest by sending printed copies of an Essay from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting Conference, on Bible Criticism, and by assistance at the Conferences, which have been continued in all the Quarterly Meetings, at least a part of the year, except Fairfield.

It has been encouraging to note the deepening interest in this important study, by the number that have joined the Home Study Bible School, and the progress of the work by the Report of the Principal which is as follows;

"A few have begun work in the Ecclesiastical, Greek, and Hebrew courses, but no great progress has been made in any of these departments. The principal work of the School has been done in the New Testament course, in which there are seventy four working at the present time. Of these, four are members of New York Yearly Meeting, two of Canada, and the rest of our own Yearly Meeting. Considering how long it takes to spread information, the small effort put forth to inform Friends of the work of the School, and the limited number

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of those who can find time to pursue such a course, the work of the School has been very encouraging. Several of those in the New Testament Course, have expressed their determination to pursue the studies of the School systematically for graduation.

"The School has sustained a great loss in the removal of Micajah M. Binford from the Yearly Meeting. As one of the originators of the School, as a teacher in it, and an advocate for it, it owes much to him, and his place will be hard to fill.

"This work should not, I think, be estimated by the comparatively small results of the first year. There have been many difficulties to overcome in a work so new to all of us. When increased intelligence and increased spirituality shall have made us feel more keenly the need of a careful study of the Bible and Biblical subjects, this work will, I feel sure, become one of the most useful instruments in our organization for promoting Christian life and developing Christian workers."

While so many Schools have done good work and are so well attended by both old and young, we regret that with some the importance of searching the Scriptures is not sufficiantly realized, and our Bible Schools lose their influence and support. In this as in all work, every one exerts an influence either for or against. We ought not to be indifferent to the fact that there is no neutral ground.

We again invite the prompt co-operation of School officers in furnishing statistical reports. Several Schools reported promptly, but the Schools at Lynn, North Berwick, Allen's Neck, Acushnet, South Bowdoin, Fairhaven and Smith School House were delinquent in not reporting until after the books were closed, and the Schools at Hallowell, Me., and North Sandwich, N. H., have not been heard from at all.

We recommend this important subject including the Home Study Bible School to your prayerful attention, and to the care of a new Committee, and that a sum sufficient for the work be appropriated.

On behalf of the Committee,

C. W. Goddard

Chairman

K. H. Nichols, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report. Received.

Treas. Report of Com. on Bible Schools.

1886 11 mo 4th	From George Howland, Jr., Treasurer of Yly. Mtg.	$ 50.00
6th " 4th 1887. "	" " " "	50.00
		$100.00

1887. Payments.

Treasurer's Report of Bible Schools Continued.

1886 6 Mo 29 & 8 Mo 5	For printing	$10.88
11 " 5	For travelling expenses visiting Schools	15.00
" 27 "	printing for Home Study Bible School	4.00
12 " 27 "	Pub. Asso. Friends' Children's Papers	21.88
1887 2 Mo 21 "	printing for Home Study Bible School	9.75
4 Mo 4 "	" Essay on Bible Criticism	18.00
" 18 & 6th Mo 11th	For School supplies	14.79
" 23d	For printing for Home Study Bible School	7.00
6 Mo 11th	Secretary's expenses, express, postage and printing	15.75
		$117.05

Olney T. Meader, Treasurer.

Statistical Report Com. on Bible Schools.

Statistical Report.

	Number of Schools	Membership	Average attendance	Number of Friends
Rhode Island	8	535	422	261
Salem	10	467	315	281
Sandwich	10	523	276	142
Falmouth	11	538	282	246
Smithfield	7	271	174	121
Vassalboro	11	398	273	168
Dover	4	120	86	86
Fairfield	6	304	228	65
Total	67	3156	2156	1370

Report on Bible Schools accepted and contribution raised for the use of said Com.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting. The same Committee is at liberty to nominate a new Committee for service another year. The sum of $28.30 was raised by voluntary contribution, in this and the Women's Meeting, and placed in the hands of the Committee which may be appointed.

Report of Com. on [illegible] Quarterly Meetings.

46. The Committee appointed upon the request of Sandwich and Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings report the following Minute of advise in relation to that from Sandwich, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is as follows, viz:—

Minute of advise to members of the Meeting on [illegible]

To the Yearly Meeting:

We would lovingly call the

Minute of Home Committee.

attention of the Elders and members of the Meetings on Ministry and Oversight to the importance of a prayerful, earnest attention to the duties of your position called by the Church, and we trust also by the Holy Ghost to be in a measure caretakers of the flock. We desire that you may seek the endowment of power from our Heavenly Father which can alone enable you to perform the duties specified in the Discipline.

Baptized with the Holy Ghost, and with hearts full of the love of Christ, you will be able in your frequent visits among your fellow members to bind up that which is broken, to strengthen that which is sick and call back the wanderers. Thus watching for souls as they who must give account, a prayerful spirit pervading your lives, the promise to one of old will be fulfilled in your experience; "I will bless thee and make thee a blessing".

Change made in "First Query".

In relation to the request from Vassalboro, way did not open for any action by the Committee, but the Meeting concluded that the clause in the "First Query", in relation to "unbecoming behavior", be stricken out of said Query, Women Friends concurring.

Letter to young people read and approved.

47. A letter addressed to the young people, prepared by Women Friends, has been read and approved, and they are at liberty to cause the same to be printed and circulated, also to draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for the expense incurred.

Auditors Report.

48. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz:—

Treasurer's General Account

Receipts

Balance from 1886	$876.82
Books of Discipline sold	31.50
Dividends National Eagle Bank, Providence	70.00
Interest on Savings Bank deposit	32.93
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	920.00
Salem " "	680.00
Sandwich " "	1,401.00
Falmouth " "	160.00
Amount carried over	$4,171.25

1887.	Amount brought over	$4,171.25
Auditor's Report Continued.	Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	200.00
	Vassalboro " "	200.00
	Dover " "	160.00
	Fairfield " "	280.00
		$5011.25

Payments

Expenses of Yearly Meeting at Newport, 1886	$388.89
Recording Minutes and Epistles	60.00
Printing	591.64
Interest on Loans	70.58
Expressing, Stationery Etc	12.10
Associated Executive Committee on Indians	525.00
Committee on Bible Schools	100.00
" " Education	44.50
" " Foreign Missions	750.00
" " Freedmen	300.00
" " Friends of British Provinces	50.00
" " Gospel Work	300.00
" " North Carolina Mission	50.00
" " Peace	12.79
" " Temperance	150.00
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	1,605.75
	$5,011.25

The amount received last year from the executors under the will of Henry Camp ($839.17), has been generously added to by our friend Benjamin F. Knowles, so that the amount now invested for the benefit of the School at Maryville, Tennessee, is $1,000.

Income of the Boston Meeting House Fund.

Balance as per last report	$1,123.34
Received for coupons	450.00
" interest on Savings Bank deposit	61.94
	$1,635.28

Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston.	$350.00
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	1,285.28
	$1,635.28

We recommend that ($4,000) be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Our aged friend Thomas Hackness, who

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has faithfully and efficiently served the Meeting for more than forty years as Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds, desires to be released. We therefore nominate Owen Dame, to that position.

For the Committee
Charles W. Earle

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Auditors Report accepted - George Howland, Jr., reappointed Treasurer of Yy Mty. Owen Dame appd Treasurer of Providence Boarding School Funds.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland Jr., is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Owen Dame is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

Com. appd to transfer the Funds of Boarding School from the hands of Thomas Harkness late Treasurer to Owen Dame the newly appd Treasurer.

49. We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Benjamin F. Knowles, George Howland, Jr., and Samuel R. Buffinton a Committee to transfer from the hands of Thomas Harkness late Treasurer of the Providence Boarding School Funds, all the Moneys and securities now in his possession belonging to said Institution, to Owen Dame, the newly appointed Treasurer, and they are authorized to give a receipt for the same.

Placing Boarding School Funds into hands of Trustees referred to the Representative Meeting.

The subject of placing the above named Funds in the hands of Trustees appointed by this Meeting, claiming our attention, it was concluded to refer the same to the Representative Meeting for further consideration.

Report of the Representatives in relation to a new apportionment of Yy Mty Stock.

50. The Representatives to whom was referred the request of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, in relation to a new apportionment of Yearly Meeting stock, report as follows, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting

We have taken the subject into our serious consideration and are united in recommending that the rate per cent of Yearly Meeting stock to be raised by each Quarterly Meeting be as follows, viz:—

1887. New quota made upon request of Sandwich Qtr. Mtg

Rhode Island	23 per cent.
Salem	17 " "
Sandwich	30 " "
Falmouth	6 " "
Smithfield	5 " "
Vassalboro	5 " "
Dover	4 " "
Fairfield	10 " "
Total	100

A reprint of our Book of Discipline referred to the Representative Mtg

51. The Treasurer of this Meeting informed us that the edition of our Book of Discipline, placed in his hands for sale, is nearly exhausted. We conclude to refer the subject of a new edition to the Representative Meeting.

Bible School Com. appointed.

52. The Committee to nominate a Bible School Committee made a Report, which is approved by this Meeting, and is as follows, viz:— Charles W. Goddard, Leroy T. Meader, Anna J. Goddard, Robert P. Gifford, George R. Wood, George B. Wing, Linwood W. Jones, Saloma C. Wheeler, Sarah H. Taber, William P. Hussey, Harriet D. Collins, Tacie P. Hawkes, J. Warren Huntington, Thomas A. Wheeler, Sarah Marble, Ellen A. Winslow, Alice R. Estes, C. Irving Bailey, Alfred W. Hawkes, John S. Kimber, Charles E. Peaslee, Alice D. Brown, Albert F. Minott, Lindley H. Farr, Emma L. Hacker and Mary A. Hoxie.

Report of Com. on Peace

53. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee on peace can only say, that no way has opened during the past year for any public meetings upon this subject.

We have worked, however, in our usual manner by disseminating quite a large quantity of Peace literature, believing this to be a very effective method of reaching the people, and of correcting an erroneous public opinion.

If the Yearly Meeting decides

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to continue this concern under the care of a Committee, we would recommend the appropriation of twenty five dollars to aid in prosecuting the work.

On behalf of the Committee
Charles H. Jones.
H. Elizabeth Jones.

Peace Report accepted and Com. continued.

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting. The same Committee is continued for service another year, with the addition of Louisa P. Hoag. The Committee are — Charles H. Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, Asa C. Tuttle, Samuel R. Buffinton, Eli Jones, Sarah J. Swift, Anna F. Hall, H. Elizabeth Jones, Annie M. Ray and Louisa P. Hoag.

Adjourned to meet a 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Report of Com. on Mission Work in N. Carolina read and Com. released.

54. The Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina, and other States in the South have made their Report, which has been read, and is satisfactory to the Meeting. The Committee is released from further service. The Report is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to whom you entrusted the care of the work in North Carolina, have continued to employ Fannie Caison, who has continued the same School as last year at White Plains, in Surry County.

With the fifty dollars appropriated by the Yearly Meeting, supplemented by thirty four dollars given by your Committee, and considerably more donated, some by interested Friends in Philadelphia — the School has been kept in operation during the Winter and Spring.

A part of the time fifty five scholars were enrolled, and the average attendance was Thirty-two. Then, for a while, Measles were prevalent in the neighborhood, and the number of pupils attending School was much reduced. We learn by Fannie Caison's letters to us, that the healthy religious interest spoken of in our report of last year, has continued and increased in the

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Report of Minion work in N. Carolina continued.

vicinity of the School, and among the scholars, one of whom takes an active and prominent part in the services, at the Meeting and Bible School, both of which are in a flourishing condition.

A Preparative Meeting has just been established, and it is hoped that the good work will continue to prosper.

Charles M. Jones
Hannah J. Bailey } Committee

Report of Com. on Friends from the British Provinces.

55. The Committee under appointment in reference to the few members of our Society, now or formerly residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee have endeavored to be faithful in the discharge of their duties, and in so doing have been able to increase the happiness of the object of their appointment.

Kind and sympathizing visits have been made by some of the members of the Committee, and the friendly correspondence of others, with the material aid given, have had much to do in making the days of the aged cheerful, that otherwise might have been filled with gloom; and for all of this much gratitude has been felt and expressed on the part of the recipient.

The appropriation with an added contribution of $50.00 has failed to supply all needed wants.

The Committee recommend the continued care of this Meeting with an appropriation of $100.00.

For the Committee;
B. F. Knowles.

Portland, Me., 6th Mo 13th, 1887.

Report of Com on Friends from British Provinces and Com. continued.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same committee is continued for service another year. The Committee are, viz:— Benjamin F. Knowles, Hannah J. Bailey, George Richardson, Thomas B. Nichols and Rachel B. Nichols.

Report of Com. on Finance.

56. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting;

Report of Com. on Finance Cont'd. We recommend that there be appropriated from the Treasury the sums named below, viz:-

For the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$ 525.00
" Bible Schools	100.00
" Education	100.00
" Foreign Missions	750.00
" Freedmen	800.00
" Gospel Work	[illegible]
" Peace	25.00
" Temperance	150.00
" aid to a Friend from the British Provinces	100.00
	$ 2,850.00

By direction of the Committee,

Owen Dame.

Portland 6th Mo 15th, 1887.

Report of Com. on Finance accepted. The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each. The Committee on Finance are, for Rhode Island, Samuel R. Buffington.

Names of Com on Finance.

" Salem,	Owen Dame.
" Sandwich	George Howland, Jr.,
" Falmouth	Augustus F. Cox.
" Smithfield	Richard Battey.
" Vassalboro	William A. Jones.
" Dover	Timothy B. Hussey.
" Fairfield	Levi Jones.

Epistles to other Yly Mtgs read and approved. 57. Epistles to London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, Indiana, North Carolina, Ohio, Western, Iowa, Canada, and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and a Joint Epistle to Brumana Monthly Meeting, were read and approved; the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

Minute adopted in concurrence in reference to the National W. C. T. Union. 58. The following Minute was adopted by the Womens Meeting, and approved by this Meeting, viz:- "We appreciate the work of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union in its efforts to abolish the opium traffic in our beloved country, and we believe it to

be a very efficient aid to the Church, in both the local and national aspects of this great question."

Returning Minutes read and approved for Ministers in attendance

59. The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend Benjamin F. Farquhar, Viz:- "Benjamin F. Farquhar attended this Meeting. His [illegible] religious service have been acceptable to us"; and similar ones for Mary J. Weaver, David E. Sampson, Jeremiah A. Grinnell, John R. Pennington, William P. Pinkham, Ezra G. Pearson, Josiah Dillon, Evi Sharpless, James P. Pinkham and William Marshall.

Returning Minute for Companions read and approved.

60. The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend, Charlotte M. Farquhar, Viz:- Charlotte M. Farquhar attended this Meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us"; and a similar one for Jane M. Grinnell.

Minute of acknowledgment to the 1st Baptist Church for the use of their house in holding this Yearly Meeting.

61. The following Minute is directed to be forwarded to the First Baptist Church of Portland, Maine, in whose house of worship we have held this Yearly Meeting, and the Clerks are authorized to sign it on our behalf, Viz:-

To the First Baptist Church of Portland, Me.:

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, now in session, take pleasure in expressing to you their grateful appreciation of your kindness and Christian fellowship in allowing the use of your house for holding the sessions of their Meeting.

May the Lord abide with you, and "stablish you in every good word and work"

Com. of arrange. appt. in next year.

62. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious Meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as they may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which now are or may then be [illegible] appointed; Viz:- [illegible] R. Buffinton, Levi Jones, Eli Jones, Thomas Wood, Augustus F. Cox, George Douglas, Ezra Hawkes, Charles M. Jones, Sarah M. Richardson, Phebe S. Aydelott, Hannah J. Bailey, S. Jane Cox and Robert P. Gifford.

Minutes of this Meeting directed to be printed.

63. This and the Womens Yearly Meeting united to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand two hundred copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

Statistical Report of the Children of the Yearly Meeting.

64. Statistics of Children called for last year.

	Number of Children between 4 and 21	Number of Children between 12 and 21	Number attending School	Number attending Classes taught or conducted by Friends
Rhode Island	115	55	77	43
Salem	97	55	53	15
Sandwich	70	43	45	10
† Falmouth	23	12	*	6
Smithfield	36	*	23	3
Vassalboro	64	*	*	*
Dover	36	23	26	4
Fairfield	69	46	51	2
Total	510	237	278	53

* no report.
† One Monthly Meeting only reported.

Concluding Minute.

65 The interesting and very important engagements of this Yearly Meeting are now satisfactorily concluded. We acknowledge that many of us came up hither deeply bowed in spirit, under a realizing sense of the trials through which the Church is now passing, but as a firm reliance upon an Almighty Arm has been experienced, we can now gratefully and with humbled hearts say, as we are about to separate, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us".

We now conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport, R. I., on the second Sixth-day of Sixth Month next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,
William C. Truchot,
Clerk.

Correspondents of Yly Mtg.

Yearly Meeting Correspondents;
George Howland, Jr., & Joseph Cartland.

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Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth Month, 1887.

Epistle to London Yearly Meeting.

To London.

Dear friends.

Your Epistle was received towards the close of our Yearly Meeting, and was listened to with warm interest. We hasten to reciprocate its sentiments of love and Christian fellowship.

It is always pleasant to us, to hear of the progress of religious work in the Mother country, and to take note of your sense of responsibility, in holding up the high standard of our profession, in the view of a nation of such world-wide power as yours.

We have our loving sympathy in all your work of teaching and healing the Truth, in the moral elevation of the people, and in the cause of peace on Earth.

May the light which the Lord gives you be reflected in our pathway, by this epistolary or our correspondence.

We trust that the Lord will call more of your Ministers to cross the water, and scatter rich blessings amongst us as in the past.

The memory of Stanley Pumphrey and the blessed truths which he uttered in this city, come freshly to mind as we write.

Our Meeting this year has been large and interesting. The freedom in the Lord which we enjoy, by which the humblest child of His can feel that he has an equal share with others, in the sweet love fellowship, without thought of priority or hierarchical rule, is very dear to us. It is a precious legacy, not to be trifled with.

We can thankfully inform you that a desire for introduction of ritual or ordinance has no place with us.

We are met in the name of the Lord, he is pleased to break bread which nourishes the soul. We value our liberty to discuss the usages and methods of work in the Church, and to give proper scope to individual light and conscience. The latitude granted in this respect has not resulted in confusion; but rather, we trust, has led to deepen humility, and closer union of heart, and to a better understanding of the spirituality

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of the Gospel, the priesthood of believers, and the nearness of our God.

In our Gospel work we can report that, blessings have followed the labors of our Committee who have visited some hundreds of families in our Meetings—in loving prayerful sympathy, and have held Meetings specially for teaching the fundamental doctrines of our faith, with the open Bible in hand.

In our Conference on Bible study this year, we have had original essays read by some of our younger members which were full of pure and earnest thought. This practice we regard as excellent.

We have earnestly discussed the subject of temperance reform. Although ourselves practically a body of total abstainers, we feel it our duty to take a very active part in the work of suppressing the monster evil which threatens the very life of our beloved Republic.

May the English speaking people of the world, with all our boasted enlightenment and religious liberty, be ever last Mahomedanism point the finger of scorn at us, for being so polluted with alcohol.

We are thankful for the success of our two Boarding Schools the past year.

Home and Foreign Missions have engaged our attention, and we think the interest in them has not abated.

The Ministers from other Yearly Meetings with us have held up a high standard of Gospel teaching. We love to think of them as messengers of the Lord, bringing somewhat the voice of his will toward us now.

We close our Meeting with the feeling that we have been to the feast, and can return home with rejoicing. But unlike the Lord's people of old who had one time in the year for eating of the Paschal lamb and the bread of the Passover; may we know of continually of being sheltered by faith in the atoneing blood, and have our souls fed by a blessed communion with our Lord, receiving by His grace the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Desiring that the Lord may bless and unite you with us in the bonds of an active peace, we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting:
William O. Newhall
Clerk.

1887. To Ireland.

Epistle to Ireland Dear friends;

As we meet in our Annual Assembly and read the letters of greeting from other Yearly Meetings, we feel blessed in the presence of our Heavenly Father, and the fellowship of His Saints.

We wish to extend to you our brethren in the Lord a hearty "God bless you".

We realize that we as a body are not fully qualified to sympathize with your straightened situation, but we know that the Grace of God is sufficient.

We earnestly pray that His Grace toward you and us, may abound yet more and more. We gratefully acknowledge that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, has rested upon our endeavors the past year, and we believe some good has been accomplished in each of our various departments of work.

The Temperance Committee report an effort to secure Temperance teaching in connection with all our Bible Schools. A number of Juvenile Bands have been formed and many children have signed the pledge against the use of Alcoholic liquors, tobacco and profanity.

Through the labors of our Gospel Committee, many have been born into the Kingdom of our Lord, and many of our Meetings awakened to the need of more definite and earnest effort for the salvation of souls. Those who are engaged in the work hear the cry on every side, "Come over into Macedonia and help us".

We are blest at this time with the company of several of the Lords servants from Mission fields. Truly "the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into His harvest".

The services of Ministers from other Yearly Meetings have been very encouraging, and calculated to lead us to a closer walk with our Savior. We feel that situated as we are in the world which is looking to us as witnesses and examples of our Savior's keeping power, that we need to abide more fully and constantly in the Grace of God.

In the large expression of sympathy in America for the condition of Ireland, we are thankful

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that we can send you ours in the love of the Gospel of Peace, and free from any bitterness which so often threatens the peace of nations.

We commend you dear brethren to the care of Him who has promised to supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus, and join with your prayer that the Lord will bless you and us, and make us a blessing to the part of his vineyard in which He has placed us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting:
William C. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to New York Yearly Meeting

To New York.

Dear friends;

We salute you in the love of Christ. This, our reply to your fraternal Epistle, we send you greeting in the name of the Lord.

We are afresh reminded of the blessing that attends this intercourse by letter, between the Churches of our communion.

The Lord has greatly blessed and strengthened us by the presence and labors of a number of His servants from abroad; their faithful services, being attended with the Divine anointing, has an abiding place, we trust, in our hearts.

We have been deeply impressed, during the course of this Meeting, with a weighty sense of our position, as a distinctive branch of the Church universal. If we do but maintain our loyalty to Christ, we need have no fears touching the stability and growth of the Church of our fathers, which is the Church of our love.

We are jealous for the unwavering maintenance of our views of Christian doctrine, as we find them, rooted and grounded in the Gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation, to them that believe.

We have recognized the gift in the Ministry, of six of our members, who, with a larger number, appointed to the station of Elder, will with the Divine blessing, tend to quicken our Meetings on Ministry and Oversight and to enlarge their scope.

The several reports in the varied departments of Christian and philanthropic work in which we are engaged, have come before us, and as we

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review the labors of the past, and anticipate future results, we are encouraged to press forward.

Our two educational Institutions have done good work the past year. The religious interest in both has been gratifying as indicated by the conversion of a number of the pupils.

We take a lively interest in your varied lines of Christian work, and extend to you our hearty sympathy, and would exhort to a humble reliance on His grace and providence as the effectual means of promoting His glorious cause in the earth.

Your geographical nearness to us, but, more emphatically, your love towards us, as of the same household of faith, warms and quickens our hearts.

We are thankful for the presence and wise counsel of our dear aged friends; while the attendance of our young people, and the lively and substantial interest which they have taken in the common cause has gladdened our hearts.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever, Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,

William C. Newhall
Clerk

Epistle to Baltimore Yearly Meeting

To Baltimore.

Dear friends:

Again we have met in our Annual Assembly, and been favored to conduct the business in love. It is precious to have a love one for the other, not in word only, but in deed and in truth. In this love of the Master, may we be watchful over ourselves, each other and the Church, that nothing be done to mar the harmony and fellowship of the brethren, who ought to be united in one living faith, in carrying on the work of the Lord.

The duty of the Believer, is not-

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only to feed the sheep and the lambs, that the members of the Church may be strong in the Lord, but it is equally needful, if the Church is to be blessed and the Master's kingdom extended, that our labors be united in declaring the whole truth of the Gospel to sinners, in warning them of their danger, and inviting them to come to Christ in faith for pardon.

The love of the Father sent Christ into the world that the lost might be saved, so this same love, abiding in the hearts of the believers, should lead them into the work of directing the sinner to Christ for redemption, that it may not be said to any, in the final day, "I know you not, depart from me ye workers of iniquity, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth". Let us be faithful dear friends in every service.

We rejoice to learn from your loving Epistle sent us, of your loyalty to Christ, in maintaining the testimonies and teachings once delivered to our branch of the Lord's heritage, and maintained with much suffering.

All who have had their eyes opened to see, and have received this precious knowledge of the truth, that in Christ we are complete, ought not return again to the practice of carnal ordinances that perish with the using, without effecting any change of the heart, or, if used as a symbol, make the work of grace any more effectual.

Let this, with you and all others, be ever maintained, that Christ wants a people to bear testimony to the precious truth that He is head over all things to His Church, and that upon Him should be our dependence, without leaning to our own understanding.

All of our Missionary service seems to be blessed. We have had a very loving Epistle from our friends at Brumana on Mount Lebanon, with a clear evidence that they are servants of the same Master, and belong to the same household of faith with ourselves, because the same spirit teacheth them, that dwelleth with us.

An increased interest is felt amongst us in the subject of Peace. Much literature upon this subject has been distributed in this country and beyond the waters, intended to accelerate the rapidly growing sentiment in favor of abolishing war by creating courts of arbitration.

It is believed that the influence of the proposed

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Race Convention to meet at Richmond Indiana, will be sensibly felt on this subject.

Our interest in the suppression of the liquor traffic still continues to claim our attention, and the subject is placed in the care of a large Committee.

The proposition from Indiana Yearly Meeting has claimed our attention and we have set apart a Committee to meet in convention at the time and place appointed.

The report of our Committee on Gospel Work is encouraging, a goodly number having resolved to live a Christian life.

Our Schools at Providence and Oak Grove are in a flourishing condition. While faithful attention is given to the various studies taught in them, religious instruction has not been omitted; a considerable number of students in both schools have made a profession of Christ, and have their weekly prayer Meetings, in which they aim to strengthen and encourage one another to be faithful to their Lord and Master.

And now may the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who raised Him from the dead, be with you, and bless you with wisdom and understanding to labor for the extension of His kingdom.

Signed by direction of the Meeting

William W. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to N. Carolina Yearly Meeting

To North Carolina.

Dear friends.

Your acceptable Epistle of Eighth Month last has been read at this time, and gave us the comforting assurance that you were still alive in the truth.

We have the acceptable company of two Ministers from your Yearly Meeting, who, with several from other Yearly Meetings, have entered into sympathy and fellowship with us in the consideration of the affairs of the Church. We acknowledge the strength and comfort received from this assurance of the goodness of our Heavenly Father in sending amongst us at this time so many of His faithful servants.

We have been enabled to

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transact the business brought before us in harmony and love, and as the different departments of Christian work have come in review the enquiry presses upon our hearts, "who is sufficient for these things".

In this consideration let us ever remember the assurance of our Divine Shepherd that, "when He putteth forth His own He goeth before them".

There are so many fields opening for labor, that it needs much care to discern in which we may best employ our time. Among those calling for our aid are the Syrian Mission, the various Indian tribes, the Freedmen, the Woman's Foreign Mission, Home Missions, and the Temperance Cause in its various aspects.

As we endeavor to dwell under the direction of Heavenly Wisdom we find abundant opportunity to work in the Master's service.

May the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit dwell with you and abound unto the glory of God. Farewell

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting;

William C. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to Ohio Yearly Meeting.

To Ohio.

Dear friends:

Our Annual Gathering at this time has been one in which we have realized the blessing of our Heavenly Father to rest upon us, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost poured out afresh upon His Church, thus uniting us more together as brethren in Christ Jesus.

We have received the usual Epistles from our sister Yearly Meetings, except the one from yours which failed to reach us. These have brought us again to feel that though separated by distance, yet we are one body in Christ Jesus and members of that branch of His Church, one of the fundamental doctrines of which is, the spirituality of the Gospel of Christ.

We believe that repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, with the personal experience of the baptism of the Holy Ghost is what we need, and all that is necessary to fit and qualify us for

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His service. We also believe that as our faith lays hold of the one Lord in all His blessed fullness, we shall realize His one baptism to qualify us for more lasting union in the fellowship of saints.

The London General Epistle of this year reached us in time for its reading in one of our sessions, and because of its special clearness on doctrines now claiming our prayerful attention, we have directed the printing and circulation of a larger edition than heretofore.

Finally brethren farewell, "and May the God of Peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting;
William C. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to Indiana Yearly Meeting.

To Indiana.

Dear friends:

Dear brethren in the Lord; as we are assembled in our Annual Meeting we feel to praise our Father in Heaven for the rich blessings He has showered upon us. Our Meetings for worship as well as those for business have been held in the power of the Spirit and in Christian love and unity.

We have been refreshed and encouraged by the receipt of your Epistle bearing to us the greeting of love and fellowship, and our hearts have been made to rejoice also by the large number of letters from other sister Yearly Meetings, all giving evidence of the same ties that bind our hearts in Christian love.

Among others we have been favored with a letter from our friends of Brumana Monthly Meeting, on Mount Lebanon, testifying to the manner in which the Lord has blessed them by the labors of His faithful servant Eli Jones, with whose presence we are favored at this time.

Epistle to Indiana continued.

We have liberated for service in our Syrian Mission and elsewhere in the Old World our friends William Thompson and wife of New England, praying that the Lords blessing may attend them in this service.

We have been edified and rejoiced by the presence of many servants of the Lord from other Yearly Meetings including three from your own. We believe the Lord has been with them in their service and the truth has been preached with power.

During our sessions we have enjoyed an exchange of greetings with other branches of the Church of Christ in this place. We have had fresh assurance that one is our Master even Christ and all we are brethren.

The various departments of work in charge of our Committees have been carried on during the past year with favorable results for which we feel thankful.

More interest than usual was manifested in our Temperance work, and a member of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union addressed us, in earnest words of encouragement and sympathy.

Our Bible School work seems to increase, not very rapidly but steadily. A Home Study Bible School has been instituted for the purpose of increasing the usefulness of our Bible School teachers, and of giving all who care to join it a more thorough knowledge of the Bible, both in the English, and in the original languages.

Our two Boarding Schools have made Reports which are of great interest to us. At both schools there has been an increased interest in religious work and in spiritual things.

Joined by the ties which bind together the Household of faith, the different flocks of the same Heavenly Shepherd, we are your brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall, Clerk.

Epistle to Western Yearly Meeting.

To Western.

Dear friends;

Your Epistle of 1886 has its place with us as another link in the chain of fraternal greeting which binds our hearts as Christian brethren.

May the unswerving love of our

Heavenly Father continue to abide with you, and His manifold grace strengthen you for every work and service in the name of the Lord.

We trust as our faith lays hold of our one Lord in all His blessed fullness, we shall realize His one baptism to qualify us for more lasting union in the fellowship of saints.

We look with gratitude upon the extension of our branch of the Militant Church, and the hope inspires us that in no distant future, we may rejoice in being witnesses of a Gospel greeting which will encircle the globe.

The loving Epistle we have received from Mt. Lebanon, and the increase of our members on the Pacific coast, and in Mexico, bear witness in favor of this cheering prospect of Church extension.

Your assertion of continued allegience to the faith of the Headship of Christ, meets with an earnest response from our hearts, in support of this fundamental principle of our beloved Church.

We share with you in the joys and sorrows which characterize our common guardianship of the important concerns of the Church, and may you with us realize the "Eternal God" to be, "our refuge and underneath the Everlasting Arms."

Bible Schools, Missions, and the Temperance cause, have claimed earnest attention with us. In connection with the cause of Temperance we are thankful that whether we hold our Yearly Meeting in Portland or Newport, we are under a State Banner which proclaims, "Constitutional Prohibition".

Finally brethren farewell, "and the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen".

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
William O. Newhall, Clerk.

Epistle to Iowa Yearly Meeting.

To Iowa.

Dear friends.

In the love of the Gospel of our Redeemer, we salute you, with the desire that grace, mercy and peace, may not only exist but abound amongst you, in order to which it is needful to know our wills and our all fully given up to the Divine Will, and we remain in a quiet peaceful state to know what is His will concerning us.

As the work of the past year has been brought in review before us at this time we have been encouraged with the belief that more has been accomplished than in some previous years.

The statistics of membership show a small increase in numbers, but there seems to be more vitality amongst us and an earnest desire with many, to know a deeper work of grace in the heart and a real hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Some of our members have found that as there has been a more full surrender of all things to the Lord, there has been a more earnest desire kindled in their hearts to work in the Master's vineyard, and He does graciously supply all our needs in this direction, as we become sufficiently humbled and resigned to the dictates of His spirit.

The fields are white ready to the harvest, but we are reminded that it is better not to undertake more than we can accomplish, as a little well done, is better than more partially performed.

The work at Syria and Palestine has claimed our attention at this time and we are much interested in the progress making there. Our Woman's Foreign Mission too, shares in our interest and appears to be accomplishing much, while the cause of Temperance in its various aspects, has more and more gained the earnest and prayerful attention of many serious minds amongst us.

We would commend you to the loving care of our Heavenly Shepherd, desiring that you with us, and we with you, may know our hearts filled with the love of Christ, with our eyes single to the dear Master, who declared Himself to be the light of the world, that so our whole bodies may be filled with light.

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Finally dear brethren, be of one mind, live in love and the God of love and of peace shall be with you.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
William O. Newhall
Clerk

Epistle to Canada Yearly Meeting.

To Canada.

Dear friends.

The reading of Epistles at this time from our dear brethren of other Yearly Meetings has reminded us afresh of the preciousness of that bond of union which exists between the true followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Although separated one from another and living outwardly under different forms of government, we are members of one household of faith and united in the service of Him of the increase of whose government there shall be no end.

May we ever be kept in the unity of the spirit which is the bond of peace and Christian brotherhood.

Our Yearly Meeting has been largely attended, and an occasion of deep interest to all, and of special blessing to many hearts. Several of the Lord's ambassadors from other Yearly Meetings have been with us in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

The doctrine of purity of heart and holiness of life, so precious to our fathers in the early days of the Church, has been pressed home to our hearts and minds with much force and clearness, and many have been able to testify to a blessed soul satisfying experience of our Heavenly Father's love and keeping power.

May the Church in its entire membership be brought upon this high plane of Christian life and service where God shall be worshipped in the beauty of holiness and our brethren loved with a pure heart fervently, then indeed shall "the wilderness and solitary place be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose".

The subject of Birthright membership which is claiming your attention is worthy the prayerful consideration of this branch of the Christian Church: may Divine wisdom guide you to a right conclusion in this important question.

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we were interested in your reference to the many new fields for labor that are opening within your borders; may you be enabled to occupy these to the glory of God: and our sympathy and prayers shall follow you in all your work for Christ.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to Kansas Yearly Meeting

To Kansas.

Dear friends,

Another year is numbered with the past, and we are now in the City of Portland, at a Yearly Meeting. Again we greet one another in the love of Christ, and as also once young minds together in the Lords work rejoicing in its prosperity, we are reminded of the innumerable host who are gathering on the golden shore, where parting is unknown.

We the most eastern Yearly Meeting in America, greet you the most western.

In view of the thousands between our limits and yours that are living in spiritual darkness, how great is the demand for workers; how urgent the command, "Go ye into my vineyard and labor". And since the evangilization of the world depends not so much on the public work of the ministers of the Gospel, as on the individual faithfulness and holy living of all the members of the Church, how great is our responsibility!

In reading your Epistle we were introduced into sympathy with you; and made to admire your earnest zeal. Your field is indeed a large one, white unto the harvest, and your privations many, may the Lord bless you, not only in courage, strength and spiritual power, but also with financial aid, so that many liberal hearts in other and more favored places may rejoice with you in abundant harvest.

We find in our annual reports, much to cheer us: our Bible Schools are becoming more efficient – the Temperance cause is steadily advancing. Through the work of our Gospel Committee many souls

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have been brought to Christ; and gathered into the Church, so that again there is a small increase of membership.

While there is a difference of opinion as to the wisest course to pursue in reference to these questions which are at present agitating our branch of the Christian Church, we thankfully acknowledge the presence of the Lord through the Holy Spirit uniting our hearts in His love.

While he who has gone to distant Alaska, bearing the Gospel message, is a member of your Meeting, no lover of Christ, and His work, can fail to feel an interest in him, and the service in which he is engaged.

In Mission work the Church is one; her prayers and support should be unstinted for all who leave home and friends for Christ's sake and the Gospel. No act of faithfulness and self-denial can be performed by any one without adding a blessing to all.

Let us be strong and of good courage; the labor and privation of the Reapers will be followed by the joys of the harvest home in Him whose promise never fails. Forever.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

Epistle to Brumana Monthly Meeting

To Brumana Monthly Meeting.

Dear friends.

We have received your kindly greeting, and we would salute you as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Though many miles of roaring Ocean waves stretch between you and us, yet we are all equally near to Him, and His loving eye beholds, and His mighty arm is strong to deliver, all who put their trust in Him.

We have heard with interest of the progress of the Mission work at Brumana, in its various departments. Surely the Lord has blessed it, and as we reverently acknowledge that it is His power which has accomplished this work, may we all pray that "we may be filled with the knowledge of His will"

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and "strengthened by His might" to perform it, whether in Syria or New England.

You are surrounded by unbelief and misery, and the eyes of many are raised to the goodly height of "Sin Salaam," May the Lord give all His workers there, such grace in their hearts, that in their lives they may reflect His likeness, and the Mission may indeed be a beacon light to the surrounding country. It has well been said "The living Christian, pure of heart, and unspotted by the world, is the best preacher of the Gospel in these days," and "the best sermons are those that walk about and that people can see and hear", and the Lord will give the needful cleansing and upholding grace to those who seek for them.

You ask our prayers for your work among those who know not Christ, and we will ask of the Lord, that the children under your care, and the people in the villages round about you, may be brought to Jesus, and coming to Him, find peace, and rest, and pardon.

Let us hopefully remember that, "God's resources are infinite in bringing souls to himself, and not be discouraged if there are sometimes difficulties in our way. The Lord can make a way where there is none, even through the stormy sea.

We are glad that our dear friends John and Sarah W. Newlin have been with you, and have enjoyed reading the accounts of their journey. We have this year liberated other Messengers of the Gospel to visit your land, who, when they come will bear to you our loving greeting. So the waves between us are bridged by the coming and going of the servants of Christ as well as by written messages of love and interest.

We can thankfully say that the Yearly Meeting has been a time of refreshing to many souls. The Lord Jesus has been pleased to preside himself over the assemblies of His people, and in loving harmony we have endeavored to attend to the various branches of His work.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
Anna G. Wood } Clerks

Minutes 1888.

[illegible] 1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R. I., commencing on Sixth day, Sixth Month 8th 1888.

Names of Representatives. 2. By the Reports received from our Several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:—

From Rhode Island — Samuel R. Buffington, Anthony M. Kimber, Charles A. Chace, William H. Beale, William H. Perry, Augustine Jones, Charles W. Earle, Obadiah Chace, George Mason Chace, Simeon W. Luther, Samuel Austin, Benjamin F. Knowles, Thomas Hackney, Robert P. Gifford and William Jacob.

From Salem — Daniel C. Maxfield, Owen Dame, William C. Newhall, Henry C. Buxton, Charles H. Thorndike, Olney T. Meader, John F. Chase, Stephen R. Rogers, Moses Huntington and Samuel C. Nichols.

From Sandwich — George Howland, Jr., Josiah Holmes, Jr., Joshua L. Macomber, N. Hervey Wilbur, David Kelley, Gideon Gifford, Nathaniel Howland, Elbridge G. Chase, Stephen R. Wing, Gideon Wood and Edward G. Dillingham.

From Falmouth — Reuben T. Jones, John J. Frye, Augustus F. Cox, Nathan Douglas, Eyra Hawkes, Silas H. Cartland, and Henry F. Vowell.

From Smithfield — Richard Battey, James O. Inman, Smith B. Steere, Joseph Russell Marble, John Metcalfe, James C. Arnold and Grady Low.

From Vassalboro — Alfred H. Jones, Eli Jones, James C. Pierce, John Jones, William A. Jones and Arthur W. Jones.

From Dover — William P. Tuttle, Timothy A. Hurry, George Otis, Isaac T. Jenkins, Samuel Buffum, Daniel F. Jenness, Oliver Meader and John B. Cartland.

From Fairfield — Isaac Winslow, Joseph E. Briggs, I. Warren Hawkes, Paul Wing and Charles M. Jones.

[illegible] except twelve Whose names being called they were present except twelve, for the absence of five of whom, sufficient reasons were assigned.

Ministers in attendance from the Yly Mtg 3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends James M. Haviland, Hannah H. Loggett,

S. Adelbert Wood, and Samuel Miles from New York Yearly Meeting; Richard H. Thomas and Mary S. Thomas from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Rufus P. King, David E. Sampson and Ellison R. Purdy from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; John Carey, William F. Pickham and Annie K. Knight from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Eri Shaupler from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Jesse A. Willmer and Zachariah H. Powell from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements among us.

Companions of Ministers. 4. We have also the acceptable company of Thomas H. Leggett, accompanying his wife, Hannah T. Leggett; Ella Wood, accompanying her husband, S. Adelbert Wood; Phebe A. Miles, accompanying her husband Samuel Miles; Emma Sampson, an Elder, accompanying her husband, David E. Sampson; Amelia F. Purdy, accompanying her husband, Ellison R. Purdy; and Mary F. Powell, accompanying her husband, Zachariah H. Powell, with satisfactory testimonials from their friends at home.

Com. appd. to prepare Min. Minute. 5. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if any should apply for it, is referred to the following named Friends, viz:- Joseph Cartland, Benjamin F. Knowles, Gideon Dame, Joseph E. Briggs and Thomas F. Haffard.

Epistles rec'd from other Yly. Mtgs. 6. Epistles have been received at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond except Iowa. Those from London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, one from Ohio Yearly Meeting, issued in 1886, which failed to reach us last year, also one from that Meeting last year, have been read at this time to our comfort and edification; the reading of the remaining ones is deferred to a future sitting.

Com. to nominate Corr. on correspondence. 7. We appoint Joseph E. Macomber, Benjamin F. Knowles, Daniel C. Mayfield, Gideon Dame, Gideon Wood, John B. Baylis, Edward C. Jones, Augustus F. Cox, James C. Inman, William Hedrick, William A. Jones, John Jones, William R.

1888 Tuttle, John S. Cartland, Paul Wing and Isaac Warren Hawkes a Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence and report at our next session.

Com to audit Treasurers acct. 8. We appoint Charles W. Earle, Owen Dame, William P. Davis, Ezra Hawkes, Greely Dow, Arthur W. Jones, Oliver Meader and Levi Jones a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer; also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

Com to prepare Summary of Ans. 9. We appoint Charles M. Jones, Samuel Buffum, Wm A. Jones, Thomas A. Wheeler, John J. Frye, William P. Macomber, Olney T. Meader and Robert P. Gifford a Committee to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries, and present it at a future sitting.

Changes in Qty Meetings 10. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that George Anthony, an Elder, and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 9th 1888, aged 91 years, 5 months and 10 days; Sarah Slade, an Elder, and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 20th 1888, aged 78 years and one month; Sarah K. Reynolds, a Minister, and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 7th 1888, aged 82 years, 6 months and 11 days; Hannah F. Peckham, an Elder, also a member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 9th, 1887, aged 81 years and 5 months; that it has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Catherine Green to the station of Elder, and with Rhode Island and Swansea Monthly Meetings in the appointment of 12 associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; that a Meeting for Worship and a Preparative Meeting have been reëstablished at Freetown within the limits of Swansea Monthly Mtg. Meeting for worship on First-day at 11 O'clock A. M., and on Fourth day at 7 O'clock P. M. The Preparative Meeting to be held the week preceding the Monthly

Changes in Meetings continued

Meeting at the close of the Meeting for worship.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has unity with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hezekiah Binns and Zillah Binns to the station of Elder, and in the revision of its list of associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, appointing nine in number. Abigail C. Beede, a Minister, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 22nd 1887, aged 76 years, 4 Months and 1 day; Robert L. Brown, an Elder, and member of Amesbury Mo. Meeting, died Eighth Month 11th 1887, aged 63 years 1 Month and 17 days; Abigail M. Hanson, a Minister, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 6th 1888, aged 91 years 1 Month and 9 days; and Mehitable Folsom, a Minister, also a member of Amesbury Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 30th 1888, aged 97 years, 10 Months and 12 days; Thomas W. Thorndike, an Elder, and member of Ware Monthly Meeting, died First Month 26th 1888, aged 90 years and 2 Months.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that David K. Akin, an Elder, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 23rd 1888, aged 88 years 7 Months and 18 days; James L. Hoxie, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 30th 1887, aged 73 years, 7 Months and 13 days; Huldah Gifford, an Elder, and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 21st, 1887, aged 69 years, 9 months and 28 days; Sarah H. Anthony, an Elder, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 20th, 1887, aged 88 years, less two days; Seth K. Akin, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 15th, 1888, aged 84 years, 9 Months and 22 days; Ephraim Gifford has been appointed Correspondent of Dartmouth Mo. Meeting, in place of Isaac R. Potter, deceased. Address, Dartmouth, Mass.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Timothy Hanson, an Elder, and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 19th 1887, aged 78 years; Jane T. Varney, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 2nd 1888, aged 75 years and 8 Months; James E. Goddard, an Elder, and member of Buzzards Bay Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership in that Meeting; Elmira N. Goddard, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 7th 1887, aged 49 years 11 Months and 3 days; George Douglas, an Elder, also a member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 20th 1888, aged 63 years 11 Mos & 9 days.

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Henry F. Newell has been appointed Correspondent of Durham Monthly Meeting in place of George Douglas deceased. Address, Brunswick, Maine. Also that the name of Limington Monthly Meeting has been changed to Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James C. Pierce, Henry Taber and Eliza A. Taber to the station of Elder; and with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Josiah Philbrook and Mary E. Philbrook to the same station; also in the appointment of nineteen associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Gulielma M. Purinton and Asa Meader to the station of Elder, and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of one associate member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; William Page, a Minister, and member of Dover Mo. Meeting, died Eleventh Month 19th 1887, aged 86 years, 5 months and 26 days; Amanda E. Meader, an Elder, and member of the same Mo. Meeting, died Third Month 24th 1888, aged 70 years, 11 months and 28 days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Mo. Meeting in the appointment of George A. Wing to the station of Elder; and with Winthrop Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Hannah J. Bailey to the same station; and with the same Mo. Meeting in the appointment of two associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Eliza A. Hoxie, an Elder, and member of Sidney Mo. Meeting, died Sixth Month 18th 1887, aged 69 years and 6 months; Christina J. Butterfield an Elder, and member of the same Mo. Meeting, died Tenth Month 25th 1887, aged 65 years; Phebe B. Taylor, an Elder and member of the same Mo. Meeting, died Fourth Month 11th 1888, aged 83 years.

Yearly Meeting stock paid

11. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for last year.

Adjourned.

Adjourned to meet at 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Assembled — Afternoon met pursuant to adjournment.

Clerks Appd. — 12. Samuel R. Buffington on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William C. Nichols for Clerk and Timothy B. Hussey and Daniel C. Harris for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they were accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

Epistles read — 13. The Epistles from Indiana, Western, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings were now read.

Com on Correspondence Appd. — 14. The Committee appointed for that purpose, presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which is approved by the Meeting, as follows, viz:- William Jacob, Olney T. Meader, Charles W. Goddard, Samuel Buffum, Charles M. Jones, Arthur W. Jones, Charles E. Peaslee, J. Warren Hawkes, John B. Hayden, John J. Rinder, Robert P. Gifford, Ellwood G. Macomber, Isaac Winslow, Alfred H. Jones, Richard Battey, Gideon Wood, Oscar J. Morse, Alvano C. Goddard, Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles H. Thorndike and John F. Chase

Statistics — 15. The Statistical Accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings, were now read, and are as follows, viz:—

	Number of Members Last Year	Increase by Birth, Gain	Increase by Birth, Loss	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Removal to	Removal from	Released	Gain	Loss	Present Number of Members
Rhode Island	803		3	9	16	4	12	35	10	7	0	810
Salem	672		12	3	12	9	14	13	6	0	13	659
Sandwich	632	1		0	31	3	4	12	3	0	22	610
Falmouth	686		1	7	15	4	10	21	6	0	3	683
Smithfield	373		4	1	6	9	5	5	2	0	2	371
Nassaweo	505	2		1	4	11	5	11	1	13	0	520
Dover	296			1	7	2	2	3	6	0	9	287
Fairfield	493			6	7	3	0	15	5	12	0	505
Total	4460	3	20	28	101	45	52	115	33	32	49	4445
Net loss											15	

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Statistics of Children.

	Number of Children between 4 and 12	Number of Children between 12 and 21	Number attending School	Number attending Schools taught or controlled by Friends
Rhode Island	140	81	81	18
Salem	99	57	49	11
Sandwich	75	38	44	6
Falmouth	188	76	112	7
Smithfield	37	24	18	4
Nantucket	61	35	50	7
Dover	31	19	24	2
Smithfield	68	42	47	1
Total	649	372	425	56

Report of Com to transfer Providence Boarding School Funds to new Treasurer

16. The Committee appointed last year to transfer from the late Treasurer of the Providence Boarding School Funds, all the moneys and securities then in his possession to the newly appointed Treasurer, make the following report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee is released. The report is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed last year, as per minute No 49, met in Providence, Sixth Month 29th 1887. and transferred from Thomas Harkness, late Treasurer, to Owen Dame, the newly appointed Treasurer, all the securities belonging to the Boarding School Funds, the same as reported by the Auditing Committee, Fifth Month 28th 1887, amounting to $1.224.70, giving Thomas Harkness our receipt for same, also taking from Owen Dame his receipt for the same, which we enclose herewith.

Robert P. Gifford,
B. F. Knowles,
Geo Howland, Jr.,
Samuel R. Buffinton.

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Com on new business

17. The Meeting having decided that all new business which any Friend or Friends may desire to bring before the Meeting should be first considered by a

om on "New usiness" con inued. Committee appointed for that purpose, and be presented or withheld by them at their discretion.
The Clerks were requested to bring forward at a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to serve as such Committee this year.

djourned. Adjourned to meet in joint session to morrow morning, at 10 O'clock.

ssembled. Seventh-day morning, the 9th. The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

ommittee n "New usiness" appd. 18. The Clerks, to whom was referred the nomination of a Committee on New Business, reported the names of Daniel C. Maxfield, Ellen K. Buffum and Joseph E. Briggs, which was approved by the Meeting.

roposition om Rhode sland Qtr Meeting. 19. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in its report to this Meeting states: "A recommendation from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to this, requesting that Elders be appointed for a term of three years instead of as at present, and that the service of the Elders now under appointment terminate with said change, which proposition requiring a change of discipline, this Meeting is united in forwarding it to the ensuing Yearly Meeting for its action thereon." This Meeting concludes to refer the subject to the careful consideration of the Representatives now in attendance of this Yearly Meeting.

roposition om Salem Qtr Meeting. 20. Salem Quarterly Meeting by its account to this Meeting states; We are united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to define the discipline in relation to the appointment and functions of Clerks of United Meetings". This subject also is referred to the Representatives.

Proposition om Sandwich Qtr Meeting. 21. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting requests as follows, Viz:— "We propose, with the approval of your Meeting, that our Quarterly Meetings be held hereafter at 11.30 A. M., throughout the year", which this Meeting approves & granting, and the change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Proposition 22. Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports as follows, Viz:—

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from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.

"Agreeably to a request received from Lemington Monthly Meeting (now Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting), this Meeting is united in asking of the Yearly Meeting that Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting be set off from this Meeting and joined with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, State of New Hampshire, and the two Monthly Meetings constitute a Quarterly Meeting, to be called Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting. The time of holding said Meeting to be left with the Representatives"

Proposition from Dover Qty Meeting.

And Dover Quarterly Meeting reports: "Sandwich Monthly Meeting having requested liberty to unite with Lemington Monthly Meeting with a view of forming a new Quarterly Meeting, this Meeting is united in granting the request. Should it seem best for the Yearly Meeting to set up the new Quarterly Meeting referred to, this Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to make the following changes in the times and places for holding Dover Quarterly Meeting as follows, Viz:- On Seventh-day after the first Fifth-day in the First Month, at North Berwick, and on Seventh-day following the third Fifth-day in the Fourth Month at Dover, Eighth Month at North Berwick, and Tenth Month at Rochester, at 10.30 A.M." The Meeting decided to refer this subject also to the Representatives.

Proposition from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.

23. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting requests as follows, Viz:- "This Meeting is united in asking that the Yearly Meeting be held at Portland, Maine, in 1889." which is united with by this Meeting, and we conclude to meet in Portland, Maine, next year.

Report of the Providence Boarding School Com.

24. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, presented their Annual Report, Viz:- To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting their Sixty-ninth Annual Report, the School Committee desire to express their gratitude to the All-wise Disposer of events for His superintending care over the Institution, in that we have been favored to pass the entire year without any serious illness, two cases of catarrhal pneumonia and a few slight colds being all the exceptions to continuous good health.

The School has moved on through the year, to quote an expression of the Principal in his communication

Report of Providence Boarding School Com. continued.

to us at one of our Meetings, "with remarkable ease and effectiveness"; which expression accords with the report of our Sub-committees which have had the more immediate care of the School and Family in the intervals between the regular meetings of the General Committee.

The deep religious interest, which has been of so marked a character for the several past years, has not abated, but has become in itself a large factor in the conduct of the School at large. The impressions made upon the minds of our young people, who have been under its influence while at the School, will not be left behind when they go out into the world, but will, as we trust, be kept in grateful remembrance.

The average number of scholars has been 74 boys and 64 girls, boarders, and 12 boys and 11 girls, day scholars; pursuing special courses, 15.

The Officers of government and instruction for the year about to close, have been:

Augustine Jones, A. M., L.L.B., Principal, and Political Science.
Marcellus Cakey, Governor, and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess, and English Studies.
Bessie T. Wing, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music.
George A. Barton, A. M., Greek and Latin.
Walter S. Meader, A. M. Higher Mathematics,
Clara A. Winslow, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Edward F. Robinson, A.B., Latin, and in charge of School Room.
Rufus M. Jones, A. M., Modern Languages.
Lucy J. Hawkes, Primary Room.
Edward F. Robinson, A.B., Secretary and Book-keeper.
Annie E. Ewer, Librarian.

The following Statement by the Auditors, gives the condition of the Treasury at the close of the School year, Seventh Month 1st 1887.

Statement of Settlement of Boarding School Accounts for the year 1886–1887.

Report of the Providence Boarding School Com. continued.

Receipts.

From Elizabeth Fry Fund for Board and Tuition	$1,500.00
" Philip J. Tripp Fund " " "	75.00
" the General Fund for " " "	6,565.07
" all other sources	34,249.41
" Auxiliary Studies, use of piano, etc.,	3,789.32
	$46,178.80

Expenditures.

For Salaries	$16,306.89
" Wages	8,115.27
" Provisions	9,922.01
" Advertising	184.90
" Repairs and renewals	2,961.38
" Water	176.91
" Fuel	1,567.[illegible]
" Lights	963.61
" Papers and periodicals	110.09
" Incidentals	606.80
" City Tax, 1886.	2,780.40
" Library	327.31
" Improvements	72.69
" Debts considered bad	485.84
	45,526.86
Leaving profits on year's work	651.94
	$46,178.80

Samuel R. Buffinton
James H. Chace
James C. Inman
Robert P. Gifford
} Auditors

Stephen T. Olney, of Providence, by his last will, left a sum of money to institutions similar to Brown University. The Court limited the bequest to Rhode Island, and decided further that Friends School at Providence was an Institution similar to the University, and entitled to a share therein of the bequest unless the executors should deem the School too sectarian to receive the money. The executors, after a hearing on the question, decided to award to the School $43.00 of said money, to be paid over to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, upon its receipt and discharge duly authorized and executed.

Report of the Providence Boarding School Com. continued.

We have effected the sale of a lot of land of about 13,000 feet. We have to report the loss by death during the year of two of our members, Charles Taber, who died Eleventh Month 16th 1887, and Sylvia G. Howland, who died Fourth Month 17th 1888. Both of these dear friends were much interested in the School, and so long as health permitted were attentive to their duties. Their memory will be cherished by their associates.

The larger price demanded for persons not Friends has been misunderstood by the public to the great injury of the School. This difference is due to aid rendered to Friends' children by two Funds. It is thought that the objection would be fully met by a clearer and more definite statement of the matter without any change whatever in the cost to Friends children, as follows: The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School per term for all who may be admitted be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by Scholarship from the same Fund of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly, if selected by the Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund of $75.00. Thus Scholarships from both Funds to one person, $150.00.

As these payments are really now made by these special Funds, it will at once remove a doubt, it is hoped, in the minds of those who pay the larger sums, when they see thus definitely the exact source which contributes to the Friends' child, to which they have no right. It is usual in Schools and Colleges to connect scholarships directly with funds which produce them, in this manner.

The rates are payable one-half at the commencement of the year and one-half at the opening after recess. An additional charge to be made for one years instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, $10.00; for one years instruction in pencil drawing, $15.00; for one years instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.00.

Again we commend the Institution with all its varied interests to the care of

Report of the Providence Boarding School Com. continued.

our Heavenly Father and to the kind consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of and by direction of the School Committee.

George Howland, Jr., Clerk.

Boarding School, Providence, R. I., Sixth Month 5th 1888.

Note.— The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 12th 1888.
The Spring Term begins Second Month 6th 1889.
Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the Meeting of the Committee on the Thirty-first of Seventh Month next. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above stated.

All applications should be sent to the Principal.

Address, Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

The report is accepted and approved by the Meeting.

Com. appd. to nominate a Providence Boarding School Committee.

We appoint Ellwood Macomber, Joseph R. Marble, Elizabeth S. Newton, William P. Macomber, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Sarah S. Hawkes, Charles A. Chace, Andrew J. Williams, Edward Frye, Susan H. Meader, Silas H. Cartland, Charles W. Goddard, Mary B. Johnston, Mary A. Battey, and Owen Dame a Committee to nominate a Committee to whom the care of the School may be committed the ensuing year, and report at a future sitting.

Receipt adopted in relation to the Stephen T. Olney Fund.

25. The following form of receipt was adopted by the Meeting and directed to be signed by the Clerks:

"It is agreed and determined, that George Howland, Jr., our Treasurer, be and hereby is authorized to receive from the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, of Providence, as Executor and Trustee under the Will of Stephen T. Olney, late of said Providence, deceased, the sum of Forty Three Thousand Dollars, in full for the distributive share of this Corporation of the estate of said deceased, under the fourteenth article of said Will, and under the recent decree of the Supreme Court in respect thereof; and on receipt of said sum, to execute and deliver, for and in behalf of this Corporation, and under our corporate seal, to said Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, a full receipt and discharge therefor, and discharging said Trust Company from all further accountability, liability,

...ceipt on acct claims, demands, actions, and causes of action, of every nature,
A. S. Olney for or on account of the estate of said deceased, and for or on ac-
...nd continued. count of said Trust Company's administration of its trusts, as
Executor and Trustee as aforesaid, in respect thereof".

...port of the 26. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary, the
...mmittee on past year have presented their Annual Report, viz:—
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...eminary. The Committee to whom was committed the care
of Oak Grove Seminary, the past year, present the following report;
While in some respects the year has been one of misfortune and
hardship, we still have reason to praise our Heavenly Father,
for the many blessings which have attended the Institution.
The School opened on 8th Month 30th 1887 with 98 Scholars,
and with flattering prospects of a successful school year.
Early on the morning of 9th Month 1st, the alarm of fire was
sounded; a hurried examination proved that the east end of
Bailey Hall was encircled with flames, already under such
headway that nothing could avail to save the buildings. In a
very short time Bailey Hall and the Boarding House were complete-
ly destroyed, with their contents. As all the inmates of the Sem-
inary were in bed at the time, it was with difficulty that they
were rescued; the majority escaped in their night-clothes.
We have sadly to record that one precious life was lost.
Little Stevie Jones, nephew of our Principal, Charles H. Jones,
was unable to get out, and perished in the flames. We are
confident it was no neglect on the part of either Principal
or teachers that this event occurred, but rather we have cause
for thankfulness that through their faithful endeavors no more
lives were lost. At a meeting of the Committee, called at once,
it was decided to fit up the gymnasium and stable, suitable
to accommodate a temporary School, and continue through the
year. This was done, the following week, at the expense of seven
hundred thirteen dollars and nineteen cents, including new
seats, desks and School-room furniture, suitable to be put in
the Seminary when rebuilt.
On Sabbath morning, prior to the time set to open School in
these temporary quarters, and while Friends were gathered in
the house of worship, the alarm of fire was again given. It was
found the fire in what was the old stable, and was under full
headway, so it was impossible to save the buildings; but all
the new School furniture was rescued. This fire destroyed

Report of the Committee on Oak Grove Seminary continued.

everything in the shape of School buildings on the Yearly Meeting property at Vassalboro, Maine.

A detective was employed by the town of Vassalboro to ascertain the cause of the two fires. The both proved to be incendiary, and set by George Harrington of Stockton, in the State of Maine, who for the past year, and up to this time, had been a student at the Seminary. He is about fifteen years of age. When arrested he confessed to setting both fires, but gave no reason, worth mentioning, why he did so. At his trial, in 2nd Month, he plead guilty to setting the two fires, also destroying the life of Stevie Jones. The penalty for the first fire and loss of life is imprisonment at hard labor in State Prison for life. For setting the second fire, imprisonment at hard labor for ten years. This sentence was passed upon him, and he is now serving the same in Maine State Prison, with life sentence suspended.

After the second fire, temporary quarters were again fitted up in Greenwood Hall, near the site of Oak Grove, where three terms of School were held, and with the many inconveniencies which were suffered by teachers and pupils, we consider them very successful.

Those, who were on the regular Seminary course, expecting to graduate this year, were able to do so at the close of the Spring Term, with credit to the Institution. Through all the difficulties and embarrassments which have rested upon them, the religious interest of the School has been unabated, one feature of which has been the noon-day prayer meeting attended by scholars and teachers. In both that and their other social meetings many souls were blessed.

Your Committee, after prayerfully considering the case, felt there was growing need of such a School in the eastern part of the Yearly Meeting, and the interests of the Church demands it. Therefore permission was asked of the Representative Meeting, in Second Month last, to rebuild, providing funds could be raised for that purpose without involving the Yearly Meeting.

With Seven Thousand Dollars insurance on buildings burnt, two Thousand Dollars given by

citizens of Vassalboro, five Thousand Dollars subscribed by our dear friend, Charles M. Bailey, with other subscriptions, gave the Committee confidence to proceed at once.

We have now in process of construction a fine school building, 40 x 70 feet, with a south wing 40 x 50, three stories high, with basement, and north wing 35 x 40 feet, two stories high, with basement; all to be built in first-class manner, steam fitted, etc., for fifteen Thousand eight hundred and seventy Two Dollars, and to be finished on Ninth Month 1st, 1888. This will make it possible to open the School year the latter part of Ninth Month.

We would ask of the Yearly Meeting their continued care and sympathy, and if any feel to give of their means toward furnishing the new buildings, we hope they will do so, as a large amount for that purpose is still to be raised. Our dear friend, Charles H. Jones, whose farm joins the Seminary property, has kindly donated five acres of land to the Yearly Meeting, which, with what they already have, makes a fine School property.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Charles M. Jones, Clerk.

Newport Sixth Month 7th, 1888.

Treasurer's Report.

New England Yearly Meeting in account with Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary:-

		Cr	
1887 4th Mo 4th	By Cash from Obadiah Chace		5.00
" 11	" " " Amesbury Friends by M. E. Frye		6.00
" 12	" " " Sarah J. Swift " " "		10.00
5 Mo 6th	" " " Oscar J. Morse " Sarah Marble		5.00
" "	" " " Lois Aldrich & mother		2.00
" "	" " " George Varney, by S. Marble		1.00
" "	" " " James S. Reed, 1.00, Alice R. Cranston & Sister 1.00		2.00
" 13	" " " Saloma Wheeler and M. E. Frye		5.00
9 Mo 26th	Insurance Company $4000. 10/14 Royal Insurance Co $1000.		5,000.00
10 Mo 11	Rec from Maine State Treasurer		300.00
12 Mo 1st	" " Phoenix Insurance Co $1000. Penn Insurance Co $1000.		2,000.00
" 9	Maine State Treasurer $300. 12/27 Portland Bible School $23.27		323.27
1888 6th Mo 5th	Rec from Gay, Woodman & Co Note		5,850.81
			$13,504.08

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1887 4 mo 4th	To balance on hand.	$24.73
9 mo 6	" Cash paid for lime.	1.10
" " 21	" " " Carpenters,	32.00
10 " 8th	" " " Kennebeck Farming Co.	193.18
" "	" " " Almon Lyon.	87.49
" 15	" " " Charles H. Jones.	141.66
" 19	" " " A. H. Andrews & Co.	325.00
11 " 28	" " " Moving stable and repairs.	228.21
12 " 15	" " " Charles H. Jones,	141.66
" " 17	" " " Gay, Woodman & Co, Note	5.673.33
" " 21	" " " Ira M. True & Co.,	60.00
1888 3rd mo 6	" " " Charles H. Jones.	141.68
4th " 10th	" " " Portland Publishing Co,	3.37
6th mo 9th	" Balance in hand	6.455.67
		13,509.08

Amount of the Sybil Jones Fund. $375.09

The Report is accepted and approved by the Meeting. The reading of this Report awakened the sympathy of many hearts in the sad occurrences of the year. Sympathy with the stricken hearts of those bereft of their loved one who perished in the flames, and also for him who behind the prison bars, is now paying the penalty of his awful crime. The Principal and Teachers of this Institution deserve our hearty support; and a prayer arose that this renewed effort to carry out this work may be greatly blessed of the Lord.

The Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year. Joseph E. Briggs is reappointed Treasurer. A contribution was taken up in this Meeting to add to the Sybil Jones Fund, referred to in the Report; the sum of $110.11 was collected and directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee.

Committee on Oak Grove Seminary.

Committee on Oak Grove Seminary.

Charles M. Bailey, Eli Jones, C. Irving Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Augustine Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Benjamin T. Knowles, John J. Frye, Joseph S. Richardson, Ezra Hawkes, John H. Crosman,

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Timothy B. Hussey, Arthur Taber, Frank E. Jones, John S. Chase, Alfred H. Jones, Augustus F. Cox, Hannah J. Bailey, Susan T. Thompson, Myra E. Frye, Huldah H. Leighton, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Mary E. Richardson, Harriet L. Hoxie, S. Jane Cox, Harriet D. Collins, Mary W. Jones of Newport R.I. Mary Ann Hoxie, Julia E. Winslow, Emma S. Briggs, E. Alice Jones, Mary E. Taber, Sarah Marble, and Eliza P. Pierce. Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer.

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Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 O'clock this afternoon.

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Afternoon.— The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

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27. The Committee appointed for that purpose, presented the names of Friends, to constitute a Committee to have charge of the Providence Boarding School, which is approved by the Meeting, as follows, viz:- Charles F. Coffin, George Howland, Jr., Timothy B. Hussey, Samuel R. Buffington, Richard Batty, James H. Chace, James O. Inman, Peter M. Neal, Benjamin T. Knowles, Augustus F. Cox, Robert P. Gifford, J. Warren Hawkes, William C. Newhall, Isaac Oscar Winslow, Daniel C. Maxfield, John J. Frye, Olney T. Meader, Ellen K. Buffum, Hannah J. Bailey, Rebecca H. Slade, Anna G. Wood, Deborah W. Crossman, Elizabeth H. Austin, Sarah F. Tobey, Esther Jones, Caroline C. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, Lydia C. Neal, Ruth S. Murray, Alice W. Maxfield, Anna M. Hussey, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Sarah Marble and Huldah H. Leighton; Owen Dame, Treasurer, ex-officio.

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28. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

Our hearts have been cheered as we have heard from time to time of the good work that is still going on at our Mission on Mount Lebanon. The same corps of workers are engaged there as were employed last year, with the addition of Thomas Little, of Manchester, England, who went out in Tenth Month last, to assist in the Mission work.

The most notable event of the year has been the building of a new Meeting-House, by English Friends,

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capable of holding 300 people, at a cost of about $1,600, one hundred of which was subscribed by the members of the Monthly Meeting at Brumana. It was completed in Seventh Month last, and is a great convenience to the workers of the Mission.

Lotfallah J. Rizcallah, who has so faithfully administered the affairs of the Boys Training Home, has removed to a house of his own in the village, thus leaving more room for the boys in the Home.

There have been thirty boarders and seven day scholars at the Home the past year.

The Girls Training Home still continues in its grand work of educating and elevating the girls of the Mountain districts. During the past year five of the older girls who have been in the School since its commencement left; two of them have become teachers in the day school, one at [illegible] and one at Brumana. There are now 20 girls in the Home, twelve of them have entered the school during the year.

Emma M. Bishop, who went out to take the place to some extent of our dear friend, Maria Feltham, has faithfully and ably carried on the work.

There are 3 girls schools and 5 boys schools in the villages near the Mission Station, in which about 320 children from 6 to 14 years of age are receiving an education. Great effort is made to give them as much instruction in the Bible and Bible History as possible.

The Medical department has fully kept up its important place in the work of the Mission. Our dear friends Dr Bechara and Maria Feltham, who are laboring so faithfully in connection with this department, are now in England for a short visit.

The Mothers' Meeting at Brumana is still progressing; about one hundred and thirty women attend pretty regularly twice a week in the old Meeting-House. Ten of them are able to read the Gospel for themselves, and others learn the Gospel from hearing, and it is very encouraging that many of them are leading a much better life than formerly.

In view of the comparative short time our Mission has been in operation in the Mountain of Lebanon

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we feel that we cannot be too thankful to our Heavenly Father for the wondrous blessing which has attended our labors, and that the Gospel light has reached so many hearts and homes where a few years ago all was darkness and superstition.

It has been gratifying to the Committee to find from year to year a growing interest in the Mission work, and there has of late been an urgent demand for a field of labor more immediately under the care of our own Yearly Meeting. The relations with our dear English Friends in the work at Brumana since its commencement have been so pleasant, having brought us into such close fellowship and sympathy, we are reluctant to take any steps to sever our connection with them. But after earnestly and prayerfully considering the subject, it is the judgment of your Committee that New England Yearly Meeting should have a field more definitely her own. With this in view, correspondence was entered into with our English Friends in reference to relinquishing our claim in the Mission at Brumana, and taking from them in exchange for that, their Mission station at Ramallah, near Jerusalem, where the first Mission work in care of Friends was started in Bible lands by our dear friends, Eli and Sybil Jones, during their last joint visit.

We would ask the Yearly Meeting to appropriate $750. for the Foreign Mission Work in that country. From 1869 this Mission has been kept in operation up to the present time by English Friends, and they have now a flourishing Medical Mission and four day schools there under the care of Dr Geo. Flessemannem, a German physician, and his wife, who is an English lady, both of whom are members of London Yearly Meeting.

They have expended at Ramallah rather more in land and buildings than we have at Brumana, but make the proposition to us that they will relinquish all right and title to their property at Ramallah and take in exchange our right and title to what interest we have in Brumana, they assuming all responsibility in the care and expense of the Brumana Mission, while we take the Ramallah Mission and in like manner assuming entire control of the same, keeping it in operation and meeting whatever expense we feel it best to enter into in connection with it.

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We thus bring the matter before the Yearly Meeting at this time and express the hope that it will see its way clear to make the proposed change, and as it enters in faith upon its new field of labor, the Lord of the Vineyard will yet more abundantly bless it in the future than he has in the past.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Charles [illegible] Jones, Clerk.

Newport, R. I. Sixth Month 7th 1888.

Treasurer's Report.

Committee of New England Yearly Meeting on Foreign Missions in account with Timothy B. Hussey, Treasurer.

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1887 8th mo 29th	To paid T. Waldmeier for Boy's Training Home	$847.87
" " " " " " "	" Girls " "	314.93
" " " " "	for London Draft	50
1888 3rd mo 2nd	" " " to T. Waldmeier for Boy's Training Home	735.00
" " " " " " " "	" Girls " "	318.50
" " " " "	for London Draft	50
		$2,217.30
Balance deposited in New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank		189.94
		$2407.24

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1887 5th mo 26th	By cash from Lynn and Salem by Eli Jepson.	$15.00
6th " 10th	" " " Boston by Julielma C. Wood.	10.00
" "	" " " Smith's Neck by G. K. Howland,	5.00
" "	" " " Windham, by C. A. Nichols	8.00
" "	" " " Friends, by George Howland, Jr.,	34.00
" "	" " " collections at Yearly Meeting time	217.19
" 29	" " " Smithfield Bible School, by E. Osborn	75.00
7th mo 14	" " " Reuben T. Jones	25.00
8th mo 2nd	" " " Charles H. Thorndike	70.00
" "	" " " Allen's Neck Bible School, by S. T. Thompson	6.00
" 13	" " " W. F. M. S. of Western Yearly Meeting	227.50
" "	" " " " " " " New England " "	156.55
" 23	" " " Annie Estes, for deceased daughter	25
" 26	" Appropriation from the Yearly Meeting	750.00
10 mo 1	" cash from Alethe Coffin, in her 91st year	10.00
" " 13	" " " Mary F. S. Gifford	5.00
1888 1 mo 10	" " " Providence, by R. P. Gifford	125.00
" " "	" " " Sandwich Monthly Mtg, by Joseph Ewer	18.00
	Amt carried up	$1757.49

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1888	Amount brought up	$1757.49
1 mo 26th	By Cash from Worcester Monthly Meeting by Sarah J. Swift	10.00
" "	" " " Anna G. Wood	20.00
" 27	" " " Bolton Monthly Meeting, by Susan E. Wheeler	2.15
" "	" " " Swansea " " , " Herbert A. Skinner	27.00
" "	" " " Lydia E. Sawyer	15.00
2d mo 25th	" " " Portland Monthly Meeting, by H. H. Leighton,	45.00
" " 27	" " " Weare Monthly Meeting, " L. H. Osborne,	5.00
" 28	" " drawn from New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	300.00
" "	" " Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, by R. Anthony	35.00
" "	" " Thomas Wood and wife	15.00
3d mo 2d	" " Hannah J. Baily, W. F. M. S.	50.16
" " 4	" " George Howland, Jr., and a Friend	21.50
" " "	" " Portland, Maine.	2.50
" " 6	" " A. F. Cox	25.00
" " 10	" " Lynn Bible School and Preparative Meeting,	45.09
" " 26	" " New Bedford Meeting, by George R. Wood,	23.00
4th mo 11th	" " Allen's Neck by Hannah A. Brightman.	5.85
" " 27	" " South Kingstown, by Mary P. Babcock,	3.00
		$2407.24

Timothy B. Hussey,
Treasurer.

The Report of the Committee was accepted and approved, and it seemed to be the mind of Friends that for the future the efforts of this Yearly Meeting should be concentrated on a Mission of our own in Ramallah. We have been very pleasantly united with our English Friends hitherto, and a blessing has rested on the work. Now if we step out in faith in this field of labor, we believe the Lord will equally bless this effort. The Committee now under appointment is continued another year. The sum of $724.24 was collected by voluntary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year, and the said contributions are desired to be made as early as the First-Month, next year. Committee on Foreign Missions — Eli Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, William Thompson, Susan S. Thompson, George Howland, Jr., Anna G. Wood, Charles M. Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, S. Caroline Sobey, Ezra Hawkes, Alice W. Hawkes, Harriet D. Collins, Eliza Saber, Eliza P. Varney, Mary W. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey,

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Anna M. Hussey, Elizabeth K. Jones, Mary A. Chase, Huldah H. Leighton, Hannah J. Bailey, Addie F. Chace, Eli Jepson, Charles A. Chace, Phebe W. Sawtelle, Mabel G. Bailey, Ellwood A. Bailey, Ruthanna H. Nichols and Herbert D. Skinner.

Report of Com on disbursement of Income of the Mosher Fund.

29. The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund, presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we appoint Isaac Winslow, William P. Tuttle, Alfred H. Jones, James G. Arnold, Huldah H. Leighton, Gideon Wood, Lacie P. Hawkes and Elizabeth N. Gifford a Committee to nominate a Committee for this service another year. The Report is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on the disbursement of the H. H. Mosher Fund would report, that they have continued the distribution of the "Friends' Review" during the year. This has given much pleasure and gratification to many who otherwise would be deprived of the privilege, and one hundred and thirty-seven copies have been subscribed for. As a few preferred having the "Christian Worker" we have sent out twenty-six copies of it also.

We have distributed four hundred copies of "Thoughts on Holiness", by Mark Guy Pierce. A Catechism for the use of Young Friends having been prepared by our friend Ruth S. Murray, one thousand copies have been purchased for distribution among our Bible Schools.

The Committee informed the Representative Meeting that if any more of the pamphlets prepared by that body on War and Oaths were required, this Fund would pay the expense of printing.

On behalf of the Committee
Alfred H. Jones,
Rebecca H. Smiley,

Newport, R.I. Sixth Month, 7th, 1888.

H. H. Mosher Fund, — Treasurer's account

Receipts.

Balance from former account.	$150.43
From C. F. Coffin, Trustee	500.00
	$650.43

Report of Com. Mosher Fund cont'd.

Expenditures.

Paid for 137 copies of Friends' Review,	$205.50
" " 26 " " Christian Worker,	26.00
" " 406 " " Thoughts on Holiness,	101.50
" " 1000 " " Catechism,	45.00
" " Express and Postage,	4.01
	$382.01
Balance to new account	$268.42

John E. Paige, Treasurer.

Lynn, Mass., Sixth Month 4th. 1888.

Report of the Trustees of Mosher Fund.

30. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The income of the Fund the past year has been, viz:—

Interest on $10,000 Boston Bond	$500.00
" New Bedford Institution for Savings	35.70
" Lynn " " "	81.50
	$617.20

The income has been disposed of as follows, viz:—

Paid to the Treasurer of the Publishing Committee	$500.00
Added to capital	117.20
	$617.20

The Fund is invested as follows:—

City of Boston 5% Bond, due in 1905, and registered in the name of "The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Mosher Fund", for	$10,000.00
Deposited in New Bedford Institution for Savings	867.26
" " Lynn " " "	2,099.49
	$12,966.75

For the Trustees

C. F. Coffin, Trustee.

Lynn Sixth Month 4th. 1888.

Adjourned. Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning, the 11th. at 10 o'clock, in joint session.

Assembled. Second-day Morning the 11th. The Meeting assembled in joint-session pursuant to adjournment.

Report of the 31. The report of the Committee on Gospel Work was now

Committee on Gospel work.

presented and read, as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

Another year has completed its swift course, and again we come before you with our Annual Report. Our statistics are as follows:

Number of Meetings in Yearly Meeting	71
" " " visited	62
" " Series of Meetings	28
" " Meetings composing the series	360
" " " without continuous service	357
" " Bible Readings	55
" " Children's Meetings	4
" " Families visited	779
" " Professed Conversions	46
" " " Reviveds	74

We might speak of discouragements which have come to us, but they are very nearly the same as come to all true laborers in the Master's vineyard, and are to be expected: we rather speak of the "good hand of our God" which has been upon us all the way along. Considerable has been done by way of Tract distribution by some of the members of the Committee, and we have reason to believe it has been much blessed of the Lord. He has promised that His word shall not return unto Him void, and whether it go forth through the living voice or the printed page, it has the same promise of blessing. The fulfillment of the promise has been realized in the Bible readings that have been given. In some localities where there has been much skepticism, and where professing Christians were extremely doubtful and dissatisfied with regard to some points of doctrine, a blessed work has been done. Doubts have been removed, believers established, and souls born into the Kingdom. The establishment of our members, especially our young members, in Bible truth is generally needed at the present day, when skepticism is so rampant, and when it is possible to maintain an outward appearance of piety, while the belief is strangely at variance with the truth as taught in the Scriptures.

Although convinced at the beginning of our year's work that in many places other work than that usually

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performed in Series of Meetings was desirable, we find by our summary that nine more series of meetings have been held than the year previous, and at the same time one hundred and eleven more meetings without continuous service have been held.

In some of the series of meetings the results for good have been very marked, and correspondence with members of the Meetings where the work was done, have been very gratifying. On brother and sister writes: "In a remarkable degree our brother (E. Sharpless) gained the affection, confidence, and esteem of the young men, and his earnest efforts to elevate their thoughts into a higher and holier atmosphere, have resulted, since he left, in the organization of a weekly meeting for the reading of religious books, and a First-day evening prayer meeting in our neighborhood.

Family visiting has also been much blessed. It has been found that in some family visits, tracts containing some practical Bible truth are eagerly listened to: and such reading has made a way for a few words of Christian counsel and prayer before the worker left the house.

On comparing the number of professed conversions with that of last year, we are sorry to note a decrease in numbers. We would have been glad to be able to report hundreds as brought to "a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus," but we cannot. We have tried to render our account as in His sight who knoweth all things. Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God alone can give the increase. We have tried to plant and water as God has given us ability, and we are glad to remember the promise that "Seed time and harvest shall not fail." Believing that this promise holds good in the spiritual, as well as in the natural world, we leave the harvest-time in His hands to whom it belongs.

We recommend that this subject be continued under the care of a Committee, and that steps be taken to raise funds to continue the work.

Timothy B. Hussey, Chairman.

Elizabeth T. Larkin, General Superintendent.

Treasurer's condensed report—

Balance from last year	$85.97
Cash collected at Yearly Meeting time	211.61
[illegible]	297.58

Report of Com. on Gospel Work continued.

Amount brought over	$297.58
Cash from subscriptions	93.56
Appropriation from the Yearly Meeting	300.00
	$691.14
Amount expended by the Committee	679.85
Balance on hand	$11.29

Timothy B. Hussey, Acting Treasurer.

Newport, R.I. Sixth Month 6th, 1888.

The Report is acceptable and interesting to us, sympathy has been expressed for the Committee, who have labored under some discouragements during the past year. We entrust this important concern to the care of the same Committee, with such changes and additions as they may see fit to make, and report to this Meeting at a future sitting. The Meeting entered into a voluntary contribution, and the sum of about $710 was raised and directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee.

The Meeting can but express the belief that the blessing of the Lord will rest richly upon their work the coming year. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year.

Adjourned. Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon a 4 O'clock.

Assembled. Afternoon.—The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Report of the Delegates to the Indiana Conference.

32. The Friends appointed last year to attend a Conference of Delegates of the different Yearly Meetings, report as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Delegates to the General Conference of Friends, held in Richmond, Indiana, Ninth Month last, report that:—

They all attended the Conference, except one member unavoidably detained, and that they are convinced that it was a highly beneficial and satisfactory gathering. Love and harmony prevailed in all of its deliberations, and the Lord's power was over all. A weighty sense of the importance of its doings to the Church of Christ, and to the Society of Friends, was constantly manifest

Report of the Delegates to Indiana Influence continued.

in the Meetings.

It's wisdom was as conspicuous in what it did not do, as in its action.

It produced and published a Declaration of Christian Doctrine, which it is hoped and believed will have a salutary influence upon Friends everywhere. We believe that its excellence is not in its force as a creed, nor that it is a perfect summary of Christian truth, but because on the whole it is the most complete statement of doctrine which the time and means at hand allowed, given forth by a body of large experience, of intellectual power and religious weight; and that whatever defects exist in it, still it carries the weight and influence of a broader representation of the Society of Friends, than can be assembled on any other occasion.

The intercourse of delegates and representatives from far and near, tended strongly to unite the Society, and cement it together in brotherly love and Christian fellowship. And the future influence, we believe, will be to make us not only more thoroughly one people, but to make us realize what great and blessed opportunities for usefulness the Lord has granted to us in our membership.

William C. Newhall } For the
Hannah J. Bailey } Delegates

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 11th 1888.

We accept the action of the Conference, and direct the publication of the "Declaration of Christian Doctrine" with our Minutes.

Proposition from Indiana Conference

33. The following Minute of the Conference has been read, viz:—

A proposition with reference to the establishment of a Conference of Yearly Meetings, with certain delegated powers, to meet at stated periods, was considered, and the Conference requests the Yearly Meetings to consider this subject.

James Wood, Chairman

John R. Stewart } Clerks.
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We appoint the following named Friends a Committee to carefully consid-

Com appointed in reference to proposition from Indiana Conference.

er the subject, and report their judgment thereon to this Meeting next year, viz:- Augustine Jones, Owen Dame, Eli Jones, Anna G. Wood, Obadiah Chace, William O. Newhall, Silas H. Cartland, Joseph Cartland, Ruth S. Murray, Rachel S. Howland, Benjamin S. Knowles, Rebecca H. Smiley, Gertrude W. Cartland and William H. Beale.

Com appointed to disburse income of Mosher Fund.

34. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund made a report, which is satisfactory, and the Friends named are appointed accordingly, viz:- Alfred H. Jones, John Elwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ruth S. Murray, Esther Jones, I. Warren Hawkes and Sarah Marble.

Additions made to Oak Grove Committee

35. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary request that Augustus F. Cox and Eliza P. Pierce be added to that Committee, which is approved, and they are appointed accordingly.

Committee on Gospel Work appointed.

36. The Committee to whom was referred the revision of the Committee on Gospel Work, have made a report which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Friends are appointed to that service the ensuing year, viz:- Eli Jones, Anna G. Wood, Ruth S. Murray, Henry C. Aydelott, Phebe S. Aydelott, Charles H. Jones, I. Warren Hawkes, William P. Macomber, Harriet D. Collins, Elizabet T. Larkin, John B. Cartland, Timothy B. Hussey, Emeline H. Tuttle, Charles E. Peaslee, Andrew J. Williams, Salome C. Wheeler, Charles W. Goddard, Albert F. Minot, James M. Estes, Peace Jones, Olney T. Meader, Henry T. Newell, Charles F. Andrews, Elizabeth H. Cobb and Sarah E. Buffinton.

Report of Com on Education.

37. The Committee on Education have presented their Annual Report, as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education reports, That no Educational Conferences have been held this year, and only member has given special attention to the service by visiting our Schools.

Important events have occurred affecting our Educational interests. Conspicuous among these was the burning of the buildings at Oak Grove

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Seminary, with the sad loss of life. The great interest and sympathy awakened in the School by this calamity, will extend its efficiency and increase its usefulness. It certainly ought to secure sufficient funds to furnish reasonable compensation to its officers, and ease in running the school.

The School at Providence has received a donation of $43.000 under the Will of Stephen T. Olney, the income of which is limited by the donor to no special use in the School, but may be applied from time to time by the direction of the Yearly Meeting.

We find special cause for gratitude and thanksgiving to our Father in Heaven for the large trusts that have recently come to us in aid of this cause. They amount to $80.000 in seven years, from persons not in membership with us.

There is remaining one Monthly Meeting School Government at Windham, Maine. Its fund is about $ [illegible]. This School was suspended last year for the first time in thirty years, by reason of increased High School facilities of the town. The Fund is increasing for future use.

The entire number of children from four to twenty-one years of age in the Yearly Meeting is six hundred and forty-nine. The number of proper age for two of our schools, that is, from twelve to twenty-one years, is three hundred and seventy-two. Only fifty-two of these attend our Schools.

The number of Children in the Yearly Meeting in 1885, was three thousand one hundred and fifty-five, from four to twenty-one years of age. The number above fourteen years was one thousand three hundred and seventy-five. The number who attended Friends Schools that year, including Monthly Meeting Schools, was two hundred and thirty-five.

It is a subject of anxious solicitude that so many children of Friends do not attend our own Schools. Solicitude, not merely that they do not receive instruction in our tenets, but the uniting and cementing friendships of childhood at school, often extend and grow into a common interest and fellowship in Church work, which hold the young to the common faith.

The tendency of the times is to substitute the public School for the denominational school.

Report of Com on Education continued.

High Schools of excellent quality are in all neighborhoods. An apathy takes possession of parents, and they say, "if my child is not to be taught the tenets and doctrines of the Society, he will have no greater love for the Society by his school life, and as the public School is good and cheap, and what is more the child is at home and we know who his companions are and the influences about him, we will let well enough alone."

The answer to this is that the contact with children from remote neighborhoods gives to each child an education of the nature of travel. It teaches him self-dependence, a discipline of living with others as he is to live with them hereafter in human society; not in the relation of parent and child, of brother and sister, but of man to man, in which he must regard others, and others regard him, and selfishness in its worst form cannot survive. It is a small world in itself, wherein the truer and higher moral and religious forces have control. There comes a period in almost every human life, when this influence is of more practical value than home influence, although they should go hand in hand.

The struggle between the Roman Parochial and our public schools, has created a wide prejudice in the public mind against sectarian Schools. And in some of them which are dependent upon public patronage, while they may freely give their own interpretation to Scripture, they cannot teach the Sectarian Catechism it is believed, without impairing their influence or destroying their usefulness.

Sectarianism was charged upon one of our institutions recently, by learned authorities of a college, the charge was accepted and adopted by the Supreme Court of a State, and by many citizens; and its unpopularity and odiousness was very evident. We proved the contrary at last, for we are not guilty.

But if we may not teach these matters in the way some persons prefer, we may possibly do even more for Society by creating in the minds of children all over the country a respect and admiration for the Society, for its simple spiritual, liberal Christian teaching, for its great

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times in history of obedience to conviction, and for its sublime doctrines of peace and good will, and its record of philanthropy. In short we may in a general way, give our interpretation of Truth, if we withhold the intention and appearance of a selfish purpose; but if we exhibit such purpose, our teaching is in vain.

We do earnestly recommend that children be early taught, at home, the distinctive views of Friends. These fundamental matters are more firmly fixed in the mind before nine years of age.

There is nothing strange or remarkable in the smallness of the number of Friends' children in our schools, in the light of the statistics. For all the schools there are only three hundred and twenty two children. A large portion of these are not attending school. Another large portion are at the High Schools. The same indifference as to denominational lines which now makes it difficult for some persons to say what denominational home they prefer, makes it difficult in their minds to comprehend the important difference between public and denominational schools.

Thus our schools become more and more great charities, through which we are striving, under the Divine Blessing, to improve the world at large, rather than sectarian nurseries. And they can do what the public schools cannot. They can be filled with the influence of Evangelistic, Spiritual Christianity, or primitive Christianity revived pure and simple, and it is our duty to see that it is done.

No money has been expended this year. We recommend the same appropriation for the coming year.

On behalf of the Committee

Augustine Jones,
Anna F. Hall.

Newport, Sixth Month 11th 1888.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year, with the addition of Sarah Marble. The Committee are, viz:- Augustine Jones, Caroline Jones of Deering, Maine. Anna F. Hall, Charles H. Jones, Ruthanna E. Nichols, Eli Jones, Myra E. Frye, John Elwood Paige, Phebe W. Sawtelle, Ruth S. Murray, Gertrude W. Cartland and Sarah Marble.

Committee on Education.

Adjourned — We adjourn to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10, O'clock.

Assembled. — Third-day Morning the 12th. The Meeting assembled in separate sessions, pursuant adjournment.

Representatives called. — 38. The Representatives being called, were present except fifteen, for the absence of several of whom sufficient reasons were given.

Name added to Com on "New Business" — 39. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, one member of the Committee on "New Business" is absent; Owen Dame is appointed to that service the remainder of this Yearly Meeting, Women Friends concurring.

Queries and Answers read. — 40. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The Answers are as follows, Viz:—

Answer 1st.— Our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except in forty-four instances, (and those on Nantucket in the middle of the week). Also, one Quarterly Meeting mentions a few exceptions. Most of these omissions have been on account of inclement and weather and impassable roads. First-day Morning Meetings are generally attended by most of our members. Mid-week Meetings continue to be much neglected. The hour is generally observed.

Answer 2nd.— With little exception love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against. Care is taken to end differences when they appear.

Answer 3d.— Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation; and those who have children and others under their care endeavor, with few exceptions, to train them up in accordance with our Christian profession.

Answer 4th.— With few exceptions Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually and in their families, and encourage those under their care in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry is maintained, with some exception.

Answer 5th.— Seventeen cases of the use of intoxicating liquors for a beverage reported. Two Quarterly Meetings report a few instances. Not quite clear in the other parts of this Query.

Queries and Answers continued.

Answer 6th.— The circumstances of the poor and the education of their children are attended to.

Answer 7th.— Clear as to military matters except in two Quarterly Meetings. Four Quarterly Meetings report deficiencies with regard to oaths.

Answer 8th.— Friends are careful in their business relations as queried after, with few exceptions, and are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Answer 9th.— Not quite clear as to records and removal certificates. Some care taken.

Answer 10th.— The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not always timely.

Minute on state of Society.

Minute on state of Society.

Our love to God will make it easy for us to attend our Mid-week Meetings by making our secular business subordinate to the work and worship of the Lord.

The sacrifices we make that these shall be to the glory of God, never fail in securing a blessing to our souls.

It has been cause of humiliation and regret that the lack of clearness in regard to oaths, as appeared in the consideration of the Answers to our Queries upon this subject, is so conspicuous among those whose advantages qualify them to bear a correct testimony on the ground of a proper knowledge alone, to say nothing of conviction. Our fore-fathers in the truth, suffered more for their scruples in reference to this interpretation of the teachings of Christ than for any other.

A smaller number of cases of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, encourages us to greater faithfulness and prompts us to urge upon all our members the thought that as a Church we must labor to have our reports upon this matter absolutely clear.

The indications from all the Answers upon the subject of a free gospel ministry, are that the spirit of the discipline in reference to this subject is fairly maintained. Much sympathy for our ministers has been expressed. That the Gospel may have free course, the people as well as the ministers must be faithful to the mind and will of God. All the servants of the Lord are, in a sense, like the keys of an instrument of music, answering, if faithful, to the gentle touch of the great Master.

Minutes of State of Society continued. We have lost much by leaving others to do what should have been done by ourselves. We must seek for the truth and labor to maintain it. There are doctrines among us that are derogatory to the name of our blessed Lord, and if the Friends Church has a future in New England she must be clothed with the armor of light. Our efforts put forth in the power of the Holy Ghost and in the name of Jesus will give us the victory.

Adjourned. Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Assembled. Afternoon.- The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

Records of the Representative Meeting read. 41. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

Providence Boarding School Funds placed in hands of three Trustees. 42. The subject of placing the Providence Boarding School Funds in the hands of Trustees appointed by this Meeting, having claimed the attention of the Meeting last year, was referred to the Representative Meeting for further consideration, having been considered by that Meeting, they now recommend the appointment of three Trustees, to hold said Funds; and nominate Owen Dame, Charles F. Coffin and Augustus F. Cox, Trustees, which is approved by this Meeting; our friend Charles F. Coffin declining the appointment, James H. Chace was proposed, and having been approved was substituted in his place. The Treasurer of said Providence Boarding School Funds is hereby directed to place in the hands of Owen Dame, James H. Chace and Augustus F. Cox, Trustees, all the moneys and securities now in his hands belonging to said Institution, and this Meeting decides that no change of investment or transfer of stocks or bonds or other securities shall be made without the consent of all three Trustees.

Report of the Auditing Com. 43. The Committee to audit and settle the account, of the Treasurer, Etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz:-

Report of the Auditing Committee.

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Treasurers general account.

Receipts

Balance as per last account	$1,605.75
From sales of Books of Discipline	6.00
Dividends National Eagle Bank, Providence	70.00
Interest New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank.	24.00
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.	920.00
Salem " "	680.00
Sandwich " "	1,200.00
Falmouth " "	240.00
Smithfield " "	200.00
Vassalboro " "	200.00
Dover " "	160.00
Fairfield " "	400.00
	$5,705.75

Payments.

Expenses of the Yearly Meeting at Portland, 1887	$481.17
Recording Minutes and Epistles	60.00
Printing	396.03
Interest	45.00
Stationery, expressing, etc	34.84
Expenses of Delegates to Richmond, Ind.	364.75
Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	525.00
Committee on Bible Schools	100.00
" " Foreign Missions	750.00
" " Freedmen	750.00
Aid to a Friend from the British Provinces	100.00
Committee on Gospel Work	300.00
" " Temperance	150.00
Balance now in the hands of the Treasurer.	1,648.96
	$5,705.75

Income of the Boston Meeting House Fund.

Balance as per last report	$1,285.28
Received for coupons	450.00
" interest on Savings Bank deposit	54.16
	$1,789.44
Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston	$350.00
Balance now in the Treasurers hands	1439.44
	$1,789.44

We recommend that four thousand dollars ($4,000) be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of

Auditors report continued.

the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee.

Levi Jones.

Newport, Sixth Month 11th 1888.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars ($4000) for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

Treasurer appd.

Report of the Com on Western Indians

44. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report, which has been read, and is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Western Indians were represented by two delegates at a meeting of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs, held at Marion, Ind. Sixth Month 22nd 1887. when members from all except three of the Yearly Meetings on the Continent were present. The Meeting was full of interest and it was evident the work was progressing in the hands of the Associated Committee.

In several places the Indians had already become interested in the Society of Friends, and were pleading for helpers, but had to be denied as there was not sufficient money to extend the work beyond that already undertaken by the Committee.

White's Manual Labor Institute, at Wabash, Ind. was visited. The appearance of the place was homelike and inexpensive. The buildings comprise a large edifice of brick, the front part of which is used by the Superintendent and other officers; the rear portion is the home for the girls. The whole structure is well arranged and convenient. Near the main edifice stands the boys home, a neat structure, which accommodates the boys with the governor and his family. Seventy five pupils had been in attendance

Report of Com. Western Indians continued.

during the year; some had finished their course and gone home. Of the fifty four who remained, four were learning blacksmithing, six carpentering, three painting, three shoe-mending, and thirty-four dressmaking. All the boys were taught gardening, farming and stock-raising, and the girls all kinds of household duties. We felt that this school was doing a grand work in the elevation of the Indian children. Under the Peace Policy of President Grant, the Indians in Kansas and Indian Territory were given to the care of Orthodox Friends, and the other reservations were given to the care of other religious denominations. Agents, Superintendents of Schools and teachers were to be supplied by the denomination having care of said work. The funds to defray expenses came from the Government, but all missionary work, which was the greatest factor in civilizing the Indians, was supplied by private subscription.

The first missionary work under the care of the Associated Executive Committee in Indian Territory, was in the Ottawa Nation, where many sons and daughters into the fold of Christ. As a result of this faithful and earnest beginning, two Monthly and Seven Preparative Meeting have been established. In Fourth Month last, two of our number visited all the Mission Stations under the care of Friends in Indian Territory, and found them in a prosperous condition. Time will not admit of reporting them all in detail, but we will try to speak of those which most impressed us. Quapaw Agency was first visited. Eight remnants of tribes are located here, numbering about twelve hundred souls. Here Friends began their first missionary work and have four Preparative Meetings. The Modoc Meeting is held in the Government Boarding School; here two meetings were held on First-day, when all the Indians on the reservation attended except the very aged and infirm. Several gave evidence of much spiritual life. It was indeed a touching sight to see those older members of the tribe, who had fought so untiringly for home and native land in the famous "Lava Beds" stand up and tell of the love of Jesus, and express their gratitude to Friends for their kindness to Frank Modoc. The day-school was taught by Ida Johnson, an Indian girl who graduated at Earlham College. John W. Hall has care of the Modoc Meeting and lives in a comfortable house owned by Friends.

Report of Com on Native Indians continued.

One of the two Meeting-Houses for the building of which assistance was given by New England Friends in 1883, is at the Seneca Nation. Within eight years a good Meeting has been gathered here from truly Pagan Indians. John and Lucy Winne are worthy Elders of this Meeting. They visit from house to house, inviting the heathen element of their tribe to come with them and learn the way to Christ. The other Meeting-House is built of logs and is near Irvin Longs, where a good-sized meeting is gathered. A new Reparation Meeting at Blue Jacket, in Cherokee County, is formed partly by Friends who claim some Indian (Cherokee) ancestry, and partly by Shawnee Indians. Skiatook lies near the western boundary of the Cherokee Nation, twenty miles north of Tulsa, in the beautiful Bird Creek Valley. John F. Mardock and wife are doing good work here. They have a Meeting house and Dwelling house of hewn logs, very small and inconvenient for their pressing needs. John F. Mardock has arranged to hold Meetings at three different places within a radius of fifteen miles, besides attending the home Meeting every First-day.

By a wise provision of Government, white people are not allowed to go into business for pecuniary profit in the Indian Territory. It is necessary, therefore, that provision be made for the support of Missionaries and their families.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3.500. We recommend that $525. be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We ask, also, that the Treasury of our Committee be replenished, not only by a collection to be raised in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee.

Myra E. Frye,

Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

1881 6 Mo 14	Balance of cash on hand	$50.45
" 15	Amt collected at the Yearly Meeting, Portland	66.38
8 Mo 2	From Allen's Neck First-day School — by S. S. Thompson	6.00
" 4	" Providence Bible School by R. R. Gifford,	5.25
12 " 24	" Sandwich Monthly Meeting by Joseph Ewer,	15.00
1888 1 Mo 4th	" Bolton " " " Nathan Babcock,	5.25
	Amount carried up	$148.33

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		Amount brought up	$148.33
1889 1 mo 9.	From	Providence Monthly Meeting, by R. P. Gifford	16.00
" " "	"	" " for Lizzie Tort	5.00
" 25	"	Friends of Worcester Meeting, by S. J. Swift	56.00
" 28	"	Falmouth Monthly Meeting, by Mary E. Taylor	30.00
2 mo 4	"	Swansea " " , " Darius Buffington	18.25
" 11	"	Sandwich " " N. H. " Elizabeth G. Meader	5.00
" 14	"	Westport " " Mass " Mary S. Macomber	11.00
" 27	"	Weare " " N. H " Lindley H. Osborne	5.00
3 mo "	"	Rhode Island " " " Rachel Anthony	14.50
3 " "	"	New Bedford " " " Anna G. Wood	27.50
4 " 1	"	Amesbury " " " Sarah D. Brown	2.00
" 10	"	Allen's Neck S. School " H. A. Brightman	5.35
" 18	"	Hopkinton Monthly Meeting by H. D. Collins	12.09
5 mo 10	"	Salem Friends by Wm. O. Newhall	9.00
" "	"	Lynn First-day School by " " "	10.00
6 mo 9	"	Boston Monthly Meeting " Martha Hoag	6.60
			$381.62

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1887 7 mo 9th	Paid on account of travelling expenses of one of the Committee to Marion, Indiana		$75.00
10 mo 29.	Paid John M. Watson, for a School House bell		10.00
12 mo 1.	" Jeremiah Hubbard		25.00
" 29	" John M. Watson, for the Skiatook Mission, Sewing Machine		17.50
" " "	" " " " One Clock		3.00
" " "	" " Carpenters' and Shoemakers' tools		19.50
1888 1 mo 10th	" Charles W. Kirk, for expenses on our tent		16.89
2 mo 4th	" John M. Watson, for tuition of Lucinda Jones at Kesper Academy, Kansas, and books for use at Blue Jacket		17.50
3d mo 12	Paid on account of travelling expenses to Indianapolis and Indian Territory of one of our Committee		87.50
3d mo 12th	Paid E. W. Weesner, on acct of Alaska Mission		25.00
5 mo 3d	" for School Books by Mail from Phila. " Use of Mary Sherman		3.59
6 mo 9th	" Jeremiah Hubbard		10.00
" "	" John Bishop		10.00
" "	" John F. Mardock		30.00
" "	" John M. Watson		10.00
" "	" John W. Hall		10.00
			$370.46

Amount carried over

Report of Com on Native Indians continued.

1888	Amount brought over	$370.48
6 Mo 9th	Balance of Cash	11.14
		$381.62

Anthony M. Kimber,
Treasurer.

Newport, R. I. 6th Mo 9th 1888.

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and vouchers for the same.

John J. Frye

The Report is very interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting. Upon the recommendation of the Committee now under appointment, we appoint the following named Friends a Committee to nominate a Committee to whom this important concern may be confided the ensuing year, viz:- Paul Wing, Mary C. Hawkes, John B. Cartland, Emeline H. Tuttle, John Jones, Emily Weeks, Smith B. Steere, Hannah Wheeler, Charles F. Andrews, Lucy R. Goddard, William P. Macomber, Mary C. Bayliss, Olney T. Meader, Mary B. Swan, Harriet D. Collins and John S. Kimber.

Com appd to nominate an Indian Com.

Our Monthly Meetings are requested to raise subscriptions to aid the Committee in their labors as last year.

The sum of $210.38, was raised by voluntary contribution in this Meeting and directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee.

Report of Com on Temperance

45. The Committee to promote the cause of Temperance presented their Annual Report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

We regret to report that a large number of our Committee have been unable to do much work in this department of Christian service the past year. But we are glad to note that throughout our membership there is an increased appreciation of the fact that prohibition, pure and simple, is the only policy which promises deliverance from the curse of intemperance; and that, understanding better the character of the power which does so much to destroy National peace and prosperity, we see more clearly what means we must employ for its overthrow.

It is difficult to report the special work done, since some of our best workers are but poor reporters.

Report of Com Temperance continued.

From accounts received, we extracts the following: At Boston a Young People's Temperance Union has lately been formed, in which much interest is manifest. At Nattapoisett the work among the young people has wonderfully increased and strengthened. Several of our Committee who are Superintendents of Bible Schools report good work done for the cause we represent, in their schools. A dear friend who, during the year, has distributed five hundred pages of literature, and induced thirty persons to sign the pledge, writes: "Last Summer I went through two Camp Grounds and nailed tracts to nearly all the trees on Seventh-day evening, so they might arrest the attention of the many who would come on First-day."

The Principal of Providence Boarding School "has talked temperance to the students, has lived it, and hired other people to lecture to the School on the subject." One worker, besides distributing a large quantity of temperance literature, has obtained ten lectures, and talks on the subject, and bought books to donate to Bible School Libraries, and to loan and circulate. This Friend also visited several Schools in the interest of our work, and in each school offered prizes for the best essays on temperance that should be produced during the year. More than one hundred essays were written on this account, many of which were very meritorious.

To two of our Committee, the N. H. State Industrial School is open on First-day in each month; and here to an audience of one hundred boys and twenty-five girls, they teach and preach temperance, and distribute tracts and papers furnished by our Committee and the W. C. T. U.

No exact report of the number of Meetings held, or actively engaged in by the Committee during the year can be given, but we judge the number to be about seventy-five. While these reports are very cheering, and we would gladly think only of these things, there is a black spot on our fair page to which we desire to call the attention of this Meeting. Reports have reached us that some members of our Yearly Meeting were addicted to the tobacco habit, the Committee, at their Meeting held at Lynn decided to send to all such a circular letter of kindly advice and warning. The letter was accordingly prepared, and one hundred copies printed. These one hundred copies have been mailed to members of our Society

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known to be in the habit of using tobacco, and we have six names left on our list. It is not necessary to comment upon this sad fact in our report, but we call upon every clean-handed, pure hearted man and woman in New England Yearly Meeting to help us free our beloved Society from this evil.

At a meeting of the Temperance Committee, held in Lynn, Eighth Month last, it was decided to send delegates to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention to be held in Nashville, Tenn., in Eleventh Month. Accordingly two of our sisters were appointed to carry greetings to that body, and also an expression of our deep appreciation of the work in which that noble band of Christian women are engaged. They report to us their conviction that nothing is doing more to cement the North and South in a common bond of true brotherhood for the peoples' good, than that organization. They were also much encouraged by the fact that a department of Peace and Arbitration was added to the already existing departments of work. To this report it is pleasant to add that one of our own delegates was made National Superintendent of the new department.

We consider the distribution of literature a most fruitful source of good, and many of our members who cannot engage in any other Temperance work, are actively engaged in circulating our cards, tracts and leaflets. The Superintendent of Literature submits the following report:

Number of orders for literature and cards	48
" " pages of " in these orders	42.000
Cards for Schools and general distribution	1.900
Number of Triple Pledge Cards	257
Song Books "Ripples of Songs" (copies)	5
One year's subscription for the "Voice" copies	1
" " " " " N.Y.W. Witness (copies)	1
" " " " " "Youths Temperance Stories" (copies)	50
Number pages Social Purity Literature	4,945
" " in books	1,350

Report of the Superintendent of Juvenile Work.

Many pledges this year, as in years past, have been circulated and signed, and much literature distributed, Letters of inquiry and encouragement have been written. Blanks for

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statistical reports have been sent to all the Superintendents of our Bible Schools. Thirty responded, and from these we learn that some new and thoroughly organized temperance work is being carried on within our limits. An advance seems to have been made the whole field over, not so much in the number of Bands as in the increased and more intelligent interest which seems to prevail among those who interest themselves in the young. There are about ten Bands within the limits of our Yearly Meeting. Besides these Temperance Bands, regular temperance teaching is given in more than sixteen of our Sabbath Schools. One very successful new Band has been started, and is prospering. A professional teacher writes us that every day in her class work she endeavors to teach some truths relating to temperance.

We earnestly desire that parents may see the importance of supporting the hands of those who are working in this field of labor.

We recommend that this work be continued under the care of a Committee, and that $200. be appropriated for its use.

Ellen C. Jones, Secretary.

Newport, Sixth Month, 8th, 1888.

Treasurer's Report.

Received.

From George Howland Jr., Treasurer	$150.00

Payments.

Printing, Stationery, postage and express	$20.69
Expense of workers	50.00
Tracts, Books and Cards	79.31
	$150.00

Ezra Hawkes, Treasurer.

Newport, Sixth Month, 9th 1888.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting; and Friends are encouraged to make use of all proper means, not only to reclaim those who are intemperate and promote the education of all classes upon the evil effects of intoxicants, but to use their influence for the enforcement of existing Temperance and Prohibitory laws, and to the enactment of laws by which the traffic may be wholly suppressed. The Committee is continued for service another year, with the addition of Charles H. Thorndike and Jennie Allyne.

Committee on Temperance.

Committee on Temperance, Charles A. Chace, John S. Kimber, Annie P. Carr, Mary W. Macomber, William Jacob, Augustine Jones, John F. Chase, Mary A. Chase, Elizabeth J. Larkin, George L. Crosman, William Wood, Albert N. Pearlee, J. Warren Huntington, Charles H. Thorndike, Joshua L. Macomber, Hannah R. Gifford, Henry A. Slocom, Elizabeth C. Murray, Charles W. Goddard, Augustus F. Cox, Ezra Hawkes, Alice V. Hawkes, Ellen C. Jones, Edward S. Hacker, Abigail Wheeler, Adelaide Wheeler, Oscar J. Morse, Arthur H. Swift, Jennie Allyne, Frank E. Jones, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Elizabeth K. Jones, Emily S. Weeks, George W. Varney, Emeline H. Suttle, Catherine F. Hanson, William J. Hussey, Joseph J. Carland, Harriet N. Jones, Mary Elma Richardson, Hepsie S. Hoxie, Hannah J. Bailey and Joseph E. Briggs.

Petition to the United States Congress in reference to the export of intoxicating liquors.

46. Upon the recommendation of the Committee on New Business, the following petition to the Congress of the United States has been adopted by this Meeting and directed to be signed by our Clerks and forwarded to the Senate and House of Representatives, viz:—

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

Your memorialists, the Religious Society of Friends of New England, at their Yearly Meeting held at Newport, R. I. Sixth Month, 1888, respectfully ask your attention to the destructive results of the introduction of intoxicating liquors among the inhabitants of the west coast of Africa, and especially in the Free State of Congo.

A large amount of these liquors is exported from the United States, and while the Christian people of this country of nearly all denominations are engaged in earnest efforts to civilize and Christianize these untutored peoples, they find their best endeavors hindered and oftentimes defeated by the demoralizing influences of strong drink, which stands as a fearful barrier to all temporal, moral and spiritual advancement.

The United States joined with other nations in the suppression of the slave trade, but with what benefit to the people of Africa if that trade is to be supplanted by an even deadlier traffic? These peoples are imploring the nations of Christendom to save them from the threatened destruction.

Petition to the United States Congress continued

We do therefore earnestly ask you, in the exercise of the authority vested in you by the Constitution of the United States "to regulate commerce with foreign nations" (Art. 1. Sec 8.) that you will take prompt and effective measures to suppress the exportation of all intoxicating liquors to the continent of Africa, and to endeavor to secure the co-operation of other nations in this righteous act.

Adjourned.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10, Oclock.

Assembled.

Fourth-day Morning, the 13th. The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

London General Epistle Rec'd and read.

47. The London General Printed Epistle, issued this year, was now received and read, to our edification, and in order that its contents may be circulated amongst our members and others, we direct that the Clerk cause an edition of 3000 copies to be printed and sent down to our several Quarterly Meetings, and draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for the expense incurred.

Com on Western Indians appointed

48. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on Western Indians, which is approved by this and the Women's Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly, Viz:- William C. Newhall, Ellen K. Buffum, Augustine Jones, John J. Frye, Myra E. Frye, Joseph E. Briggs, Anthony M. Kimber, Asa C. Tuttle, Emeline H. Tuttle, Anna M. Hove, Hannah J. Bailey, Elwood G. Macomber, Albie Gifford, Arthur W. Jones, Smith B. Steere, Leslie Meader, Joseph D. Wood, Samuel Buffum, Sarah Osborne, Emily S. Weeks, Ella L. Andrews, Maria Winslow, Mary D. Collins and Edward T. Tucker.

Report of the Com on a Calendar.

49. The Committee to whom was referred the Calendar made the following report, which was approved, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

In regard to the Calendar, we recommend that it be left with a Committee of three to carefully revise and cause to be printed twelve hundred copies, to be distributed among our members, and that it be not printed again till the changes in our Meetings shall warrant it.

Committee appointed to prepare a Calendar

For the Committee.

Daniel C. Maxfield,
Ellen K. Buffum

Newport, Sixth Month 12th 1888.

Daniel C. Maxfield, Owen Dame and Ellen K. Buffum, were appointed a Committee to have charge of revising and printing the Calendar, with liberty to call on the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

Answers to the Queries, of Mtg on Ministry and Oversight

50. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, Viz: -

Answer 1st. We are diligent in attending meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families, with little exception.

Answer 2nd. We are in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which we belong, with a little exception reported from two Quarterly Meetings, and our labor together in gathering unto Christ is generally harmonious.

Answer 3rd. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents, under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit; and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

Minute of Mtg on Ministry and Oversight.

Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The servant of the Lord should not be cumbered with service for Him in this blessed cause, but daily sitting at His feet the service will become increasingly under His divine control. The result of our fixed and earnest choice for "that good part" will be the abiding sense of privilege that should attend our work for our Divine Master.

To those who are thus in fellowship with His indwelling spirit, even though it bring upon us a measure of His sufferings for the body's sake, yet our testimony, both silent and spoken, will often be in the language "I delight to do thy will, O my God."

The faith of our forefathers in the Church included the power of victory over all sin, and we have part in that victory as in obedience to Christ we yield

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our hearts to the government of His will who "was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil".
We need to watch unto prayer, that we do not allow our life to fall below the standard of our profession. An overcoming faith seeks Christ through difficulties.

In our going forth to bear fruit for Him, we must be bold, yet meek, fearless, yet humble, exalting His name, "as God also hath highly exalted Him". In His exalted name and power alone, can the disciple realize that "one shall chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight." Of deep interest to us are the teachings of our Lord and the apostles concerning the character of fruit expected of us in His service. Whatever may be our station in life, there are, within our reach, immortal souls to be blessed by our preaching through a Christ-like character.

To bring forth such fruit as "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance," is the service of a daily life hid with Christ in God and which will ever bring a blessing to our own souls and those around us.

Alfred H. Jones, Clerk.

Membership Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The following constitutes the Yearly Meeting of New England on Ministry and Oversight, viz:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has				23	Ministers,	37	Elders,	43	Associate Members	
Salem	"	"	"	10	"	26	"	32	"	"
Sandwich	"	"	"	14	"	24	"	28	"	"
Falmouth	"	"	"	19	"	30	"	15	"	"
Smithfield	"	"	"	6	"	31	"	9	"	"
Vassalboro	"	"	"	21	"	32	"	20	"	"
Dover	"	"	"	7	"	18	"	10	"	"
Fairfield	"	"	"	12	"	38	"	22	"	"
				112		236		179		

Total membership of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, 527.

Report of the Representatives

57. The Representatives presented the following report, which is approved, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The several subjects from the Quarterly Meetings which were referred to the Representatives by the Yearly Meeting, have claimed our prayerful and deliberate consideration, and we would report our judgment thereon as follows, viz:—

Report of the Representatives continued.

First, That the proposition from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, asking for a change in the appointment of Elders for the term of three years instead of as present, They were united in judgment that the proposition should not be granted.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting set up

Second, That they were united in recommending to the Yearly Meeting that the request from Falmouth and Dover Quarterly Meetings, for a new Quarterly Meeting to be set up, and to be known as Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting, be granted.

On behalf of the Representatives,

Samuel R. Buffinton, Clerk.

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Com appointed to attend the opening of Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting.

We appoint Timothy B. Hussey, Jesse McPherson, Henry C. Aydelott and William C. Newhall, a Committee to attend the opening of said Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting, and report next year, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a minute of their appointment.

52. The following times and places have been decided upon for the holding of Dover and Parsonsfield Quarterly Meetings, Viz:—

Times and places of holding Dover Quarterly Meeting

Dover Quarterly Meeting to be held on Seventh-day after the first Fifth day in the First Month, at North Berwick; and on Seventh-day following the third Fifth-day in the Fourth Month, at Dover; Eighth Month at North Berwick, and Tenth Month at Rochester, at 10.30 A. M. Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at 3.30, P. M. the day previous.

Times and places of holding Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting to be held alternately at East Parsonsfield, Maine, and North Sandwich, New Hampshire. Commencing at East Parsonsfield on Seventh-day following the first Sixth-day, in the Ninth Month, and on Seventh-day following the second Fifth-day, in the First Month; and at North Sandwich on Seventh-day following the first Sixth-day, in the Eleventh Month, and on Seventh-day following the third Fifth day in Fifth Month, commencing at 10 O'clock A. M. Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at 2. O'clock, P. M. the day previous.

On behalf of the Representatives of Dover and Falmouth Quarterly Meetings.

Silas H. Cartland.

Treasurer of Providence B. School Funds member of Com.

53. This and the Women's Meeting decide that the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Providence Boarding School Funds be and hereby is a member ex-officio of the Boarding School Committee.

Representative Meeting appd.

54. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year, which is approved, and they are accordingly appointed, viz:- Samuel R. Buffinton, Ellen K. Buffinton, Phebe S. Aydelott, Benjamin F. Knowles, William O. Newhall, Daniel C. Maxfield, Lydia C. Neal, Gertrude W. Cartland, George Howland, Jr., Joseph Ewer, Ruth S. Murray, Reuben T. Jones, Henry F. Newell, Lucy R. Goddard, Myra E. Frye, Richard Battey, James O. Inman, Mary A. Battey, Saloma C. Wheeler, Eli Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, William A. Jones, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Elizabeth K. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, William P. Tuttle, Anna M. Hussey, Emeline H. Tuttle, Levi Jones, J. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary C. Hawkes, Charles A. Chace, Augustine Jones, Owen Dame, Charles F. Coffin, Augustus F. Cox, John J. Frye, Joseph Cartland, Susan S. Tripp, Susan Ann Gifford, Susan F. Hoxie, Olney T. Meader, Peter M. Neal and S. Jane Cox.

Report of Com. on Peace

55. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee on Peace have to report that but little has been done in the way of holding Meetings for the public within our limits. Our work has been mostly confined to personal effort, and the circulation of Peace literature.

Two of our members attended the Peace Conference at Richmond, Ind., last Autumn, and one has been connected with the Peace Department of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

During the past year important movements have transpired. Two hundred and thirty four members of the British Parliament have forwarded a memorial to the President of the United States, by the hand of Delegates from their number, asking the President and Congress, to aid in the ratification of a treaty between the two countries for the settlement of international disputes by arbitration, that peace may be secured in the future between this country and theirs.

Report of Com on Peace continued.

A bill has passed Congress, directing the President to invite to a Conference at Washington, the Government of South America, Hayti and St Domingo, for the purpose of forming a closer connection in Postal and Commercial interests, and for the Maintenance of peaceful relations between the respective Governments.

For the Committee.

Eli Jones.

Newport. R. I. Sixth Month 11th 1888.

We are made sensible at this time, of the immense responsibility resting upon us, as a Society, in the cause of Peace. Because at no time in history, has such prosperity attended this work. The two great English speaking nations seem to be approaching a condition of public sentiment, rendering the possibility of another war between these States highly improbable.

And such a consummation as a decree of perpetual peace between two of the most powerful nations, would make it the rule of the world.

It seems to be laid upon us now to do what we can to bring about this great accomplishment, this crowning touch in this most excellent Christian undertaking.

And to this end we desire that our members everywhere may be active in holding Peace meetings, and in the distribution of Peace literature.

And we advise that they present not only the plain injunctions of Scripture against war, but also its utter unreasonableness and futility as a remedy, showing it in its true color as an unmixed and radical evil. This quality of instruction will, we believe, be well received by our members and by the public, and will be highly beneficial to them and to the cause.

And we further advise that our members everywhere, as constantly as circumstances will admit, memorialize the Congress of the United States, and their State Legislatures upon this matter, by petitions numerously signed by our members and by other citizens, that public men may not overlook the merits of this cause, and may be fully alive to its paramount obligations.

Committee on Peace

The same Committee is continued for service another year, viz:- Charles H. Jones, Benjamin

m on Peace ntinued. F. Knowles, Asa C. Suttle, Samuel R. Buffinton, Eli Jones, Sarah J. Swift, Anna F. Hall, H. Elizabeth Jones, Annie M. Ray and Louisa P. Hoag.

djourned. Adjourned to meet at 4 O'Clock this afternoon.

ssembled. Afternoon the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Report of the om on Freedmen 56. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South have presented their Annual Report, together with the Report of the condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, Wm. P. Hastings. The Committee is continued with the substitution of Robert P. Gifford and Elizabeth A. Gifford of Providence, in place of Moses and Hannah B. Sawyer.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Fall Term of the School at Maryville, opened 8th Month 22nd, 1887, and closed 12th Month 24th, with 63 students enrolled; 14 of these were in the Normale Class pursuing studies to fit them for teaching or other useful occupations in life.

The Spring Term opened 1st Month 1st 1888. During this month 118 students were enrolled. The School closed 5th Month 17th, with 129. During the year 46 students were in the Normal Class. The aggregate number of weeks spent by these, in fitting themselves for teaching and other useful pursuits, was a little over 900, equal to imparting instruction to about 24 for an entire school year of 38 weeks. These students were assisted in meeting their expenses, to more than $1000, from the timely noble Fund created by our dear friend George Stuart. The great usefulness of this Institution to the colored people, is seen in the large number of its former students who are engaged in imparting instruction to many of their own people, and others who have learned and are now pursuing various useful trades.

Two of the Committee visited the School last Fall, in company with another Friend who has had large experience as a teacher. One of the Committee spent the most of five or six weeks in the village, and it was evident from what we all witnessed that the school was managed by a system not only admirable in helping to keep good order, but equally useful in inducing the students to be interested in

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their studies, as was manifest when called to recite in their classes.

Two ministering Friends felt it right to engage in religious service at the School, and in doing so more than usual interest was manifested among the students, as shown by about 26 making a public profession of their desire to live the life of a Christian.

To encourage the students to obtain useful knowledge and become fixed in principles of Peace and Temperance, three premiums were offered for essays on each of these subjects. These offers were accepted and nearly a dozen Essays written and presented, and six prizes awarded, which we hope will not be to the students an unjustifiable stimulant. These two subjects, including other teaching of the New Testament, hold a prominent place in the instruction given to the students of the School. Very deficient must be that Institution of learning that recognizes no duties higher than what belongs to a secular education.

Again we are called upon to lament the passing away of another loved one, known to us by truly noble deeds. Our dear and much esteemed friend, George Stuge, after spending a long life in helping to elevate the poor colored man, first to release him from the bondage of slavery, and later by giving large sums of money to help educate him, passed from this life to the next, after a few weeks of sickness, on the 14th of last 4th Month, aged a little more than 90 years. May it not be well for us who remain to heed the teaching "Work while it is to-day".

The claim of the daughter of Dr Price, of whom the School property was bought, and which for a year or two had been in litigation, was settled last Fall, in a Court to which it had been appealed, confirming the title of this Meeting, and the lawyer's bill has been paid, as will appear in the account below.

Financial Statement.

Receipts.

To balance from last year's account.	$305.23
" Interest on account up to 10th Mo 31st 1887, etc	2.37
" Appropriation	750.00
" Interest on Henry Camp investment	70.00
Amount carried up	$1,127.60

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Amount brought up	$1,127.60
From other sources	453.00
Interest on account up to 5th Month 14th, 1888.	1.65
	$1,582.25

Expenditures.

For tuition	$915.81
Taylor and Hood, legal services as per bill.	150.00
Painting roofs and setting glass, as per bill.	57.03
Shingles as per bill.	34.05
Laying shingles and other work, as per bill.	21.00
Lumber for 480 ft of fence, and making, " " "	25.96
Material for other repairs " " "	21.73
James A. Green & Co. bill	47.88
Plastering and repairing chairs	16.00
Balance to new account	298.79
	$1,582.25

All of which the Committee submit, hoping the Meeting will see its way clear to appropriate $600. We hope with this help to make the School useful to the colored people as heretofore.

For the Committee
B. F. Knowles.

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Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, Maryville, Tenn., from 8th Month 22nd, 1887, to 5th Month 17th, 1888.

Number of days taught	179.
" Enrolled	129.
" daily average	67⅔.
" days present	12,050.
" " absent	1,409.
Per cent of attendance	87.
Number of teachers in Training Class	68.
" teaching in different States (estimated)	140.
" taught by former Students "	7,000.
" of self boarders in building	47
" reading from books	129
" in primary class	4
" " written spelling	129
" " Arithmetic	129
" " English Grammar	90

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Number in Geography	86
" " English composition	86
" " United States history	84
" " Geology of Tennessee	19
" " Latin	7
" " Roman history	1
" " Physiology	30
" " Moral philosophy	1
" " Algebra	5
" " Geometry	1
" " Book-keeping	2
" " Government class book	1
" " English literature	18

The advancement of the students in the branches pursued this year has been very satisfactory, especially on account of the thoroughness of the work done. It has been the aim heretofore to require completeness in the students' work, but a slight improvement in class discipline rendered it possible, this year, to accomplish more in this direction than usual.

Greater interest than heretofore has been manifested in the cause of Peace, as well as in the cause of Temperance. It is confidently believed that the teachers under training will disseminate these principles of the Gospel, wherever they may go, as many have heretofore done.

A series of Meetings during 3rd Month resulted in a profession of conversion of 26 persons. Besides these a number of others professed to have been much strengthened and encouraged.

The Sabbath School and the regular stated Meetings have been continued as heretofore, one Meeting being held on the First-day of the week, and one on Fourth-day.

The usual custom of daily devotional exercises has been kept up, by reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, with prayer, at the opening of the School in the morning, and the reading in the evening of another portion, with prayer, followed by repeating texts from the Bible by the students, and such other religious exercises as they might engage in from time to time. In these voluntary exercises the interest has not flagged during the year.

In submitting this Report we feel that we

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can leave the great cause — the elevation and fitting for citizenship of a down-trodden race — in the hands of Him who "doeth all things well", with the prayer that His servants may not become weary in well doing.

William P. Harting, Principal.

Committee on Freedmen.

The Freedmen's Committee are, Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles F. Coffin, Joseph E. Briggs, Robert P. Gifford, Gertrude W. Cartland, Hannah J. Bailey and Elizabeth A. Gifford.

Report of the Trustees of George Stuge Fund.

57. The Trustees of the George Stuge Fund presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The investment and safe keeping of the Fund remains the same as last year, as also does the Henry Camp Fund.

Forty six students were admitted to the Normal Class during the year, where they received instruction to fit them for teaching or other useful pursuits in life. They were helped from one dollar to one dollar and a quarter a week from the Fund, and owing to the unexpected small number thus helped, the balance carried to new account is unusually large.

Financial Statement

Receipts

To Balance from last year.	$871.23
" Coupons paid 7th Month, 1887.	727.50
" " " 1st " 1888	727.50
" Interest on account up to 5th Month, 1888	45.45
	$2,371.68

Expenditures

For assistance to 46 students	$1,039.20
" other expenses as per Bill, etc	16.25
" Balance carried to new account	1,316.23
	$2,371.68

For the Trustees

B. F. Knowles.

Newport, 6th Mo 9th, 1888.

Report of Com. on Bible Schools.

58. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools, has now been read, and is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

We think that the work of the Bible

Report on Bible Schools continued.

Schools is advancing steadily, if not rapidly, and that its importance is felt more and more; still, much remains to be done to perfect our Schools.

We are glad to note an increased interest in memorizing the Scriptures, and an improvement in methods and in spiritual teaching, but we regret that some of our Schools are using lesson-helps that are not prepared by Friends.

An article was prepared as a supplement to the lesson for Fifth Month 13th, on "Christ's last Passover," and was sent to all our Schools.

A book entitled "Working for the Children" has been sent to the Superintendent of each School, hoping that it might prove useful.

George A. Barton, Principal of the Home Study Bible School, has presented to our Committee, the following report of its work:

"The work of the Home Study Bible School has steadily progressed during the year, and the Lord's Blessing has rested upon it.

The students now enrolled on our books are as follows;

New Testament course.	98
Old " " A.	1
" " " B.	2
Church History "	7
Greek Testament "	1
Elementary Hebrew "	2

During the year two students have been graduated from the New Testament course.

Of the entire number of students mentioned above, five are within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, two in Canada, three in Philadelphia, and the remainder within our own Yearly Meeting.

The assistants during the past year have been Thomas J. Battey, Rufus M. Jones and Charles H. Atkins, to whom the thanks of the School are due for the willing help they have rendered."

It is a pleasure to report that for the first time in the history of the Yearly Meeting, there is held in each Quarterly Meeting a Bible School Conference, Fairfield Quarterly Meeting having renewed its organization within the past year.

A General Conference on Bible School work was held at Winthrop, Maine 9th mo 7th 1887. This Conference was

largely attended and we think was interesting and profitable. We wish to acknowledge the efficient help of Jesse McPherson, Elizabeth S. Larkin, Henry C. Aydelott and others, also the cordial welcome and liberal entertainment given us by the Friends of Winthrop. The time was found too limited to secure the best results. We would suggest that in the future the Conference be not held in very close connection with any other Meeting, and that it continue two days.

We recommend this important subject of Bible work to the prayerful consideration of the Yearly Meeting, and that a Committee be appointed to carry on the work, and that a sum should be appropriated to aid this cause for the ensuing year.

Anna J. Goddard, Secretary.

Treasurer's Account

Receipts.

1887 6th Mo 16th	From collection taken at Portland	$28.30
12th Mo 24th	" George Howland, Jr., Treasurer	50.00
5th Mo 1888	" " " " "	50.00
		$128.30

Payments

1887 8th Month 10th	Paid W. Kellaway, printing on account of General Conference	$21.00
9th Mo 5th	Paid travelling expenses of speakers at General Conference	24.00
10th Mo 3d	Paid Charles W. Goddard for Merchandise in Schools and Conference	10.00
11th Month 8th	Paid Willard Tract Society for literature	18.00
12th " 19th	" Publishing Association of Friends	12.16
" " 24th	" George A. Barton, printing for Home Study Bible School	7.00
1888 6th Month 5th	" George C. Herbert, printing supplemental lesson leaf	7.00
" " "	" Charles W. Goddard, Chairman's expense account	6.66
" " "	" Anna J. Goddard, Secretary's expense account	6.47
" " 9th	" S. C. Wheeler, to assist in Quarterly Conference	6.00
" "	" Arthur W. Jones, to assist in Quarterly Conference	4.00
	Amount carried over	$122.29

Report of Com on Bible Schools continued.

Amount brought over	$122.29
Balance on hand	6.01
Total	$128.30

Olney T. Meader, Treasurer.

Statistical Report

	Number of Schools	Membership	Average attendance	Number of Friends
Rhode Island	8	557	431	231
Salem	11	573	360	304
Sandwich	12	640	424	172
Falmouth	10	440	259	261
Smithfield	7	273	182	125
Tarrallton	8	312	213	158
Dover	4	108	68	80
Fairfield	5	280	188	138
Total	65	3183	2125	1469

Com appin to nominate a Bible School Committee.

The Report is satisfactory and we appoint Robert P. Gifford, Charles H. Thorndike, Joseph R. Marble, William Jacob, William A. Jones, Edward G. Dillingham, Henry C. Aydelott, and Isaac Warren Hawkes, a Committee to nominate a Committee to serve as a Bible School the ensuing year and report to this Meeting.

Com on Friends from British Provinces report.

59. The Committee under appointment in reference to the few members of our Society, now or formerly residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee have endeavored to faithfully discharge the duties of their appointment; and in so doing the object of our care has been made comfortable, notwithstanding his great age.

We recommend the continued care of this Meeting with an appropriation of $100.

For the Committee,

B. F. Knowles.

Newport 6th Month 9th, 1888.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for service another year, with the substitution of Wm H. Beale instead of George Richardson, and the

Committee of Friends from British Provinces.

addition of Alfred H. Jones. The Committee are, Benjamin F. Knowles, Hannah J. Bailey, Alfred H. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Rachel B. Nichols and William H. Beale.

Report of the Representatives

60. The Representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting, made a report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, Women Friends concurring, and the change is accordingly made. The Report is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

Change in the Discipline in relation to United Meetings and the Clerks of said Mtgs.

In relation to the request from Salem Quarterly Meeting, the Representatives were united in recommending the following change in the wording of the Discipline relating to said Meetings, as adopted by the Yearly Meeting in the Year 1884, by substituting for the second and third paragraphs of said Amended Articles relating thereto, the following, viz:-

Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings may be held either occasionally or continuously, as united Meetings of men and women Friends whenever in the judgment of said Meetings it is desirable to do so.

When either a Quarterly or Monthly Meeting shall be held as a United Meeting, there shall be one Clerk and one Assistant Clerk for said Meeting, who shall have been appointed annually as Clerks of separate or United Meetings, and at the time of such appointment one of them shall be designated, without regard to sex, as Clerk of United Meetings, and the other as Assistant Clerk. When the superior Meeting is held in separate sessions, separate reports, with names of the Representatives to their respective Meetings, shall be signed and forwarded thereto by the Clerk of said United Meetings.

On behalf of the Representatives,

Samuel R. Buffinton, Clerk.

Newport 6th Month 13th, 1888.

Bible School Committee appointed.

61. The Committee appointed to nominate a Bible School Committee, report as follows, viz:- Ruth S. Murray, Olney S. Meader, Sarah H. Taber, Thomas J. Batley, George R. Wood, Gulielma C. Wood, C. Irving Bailey, Sarah Marble, Charles W. Goddard, Charles H. Atkins, Arthur W. Jones, Harriet D. Collins, Jacie P. Hawkes, J. Warren Huntington, Salome C. Wheeler, George B. Wing, Linwood W. Jones, John S. Kimber, Alfred W. Hawkes,

Bible School Com continued.

Charles E. Peaslee, Edward Wing, Alice L. Dow, Oscar J. Morse, The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly.

Adjourned.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow Morning at 8 O'clock.

Assembled.

Fifth-Day-Morning the 14th. The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Report of Com on Finance.

62. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

We recommend that there be appropriated from the Treasury the sums named below, viz:-

For the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$525.00
" Bible Schools	100.00
" Education	100.00
" Foreign Missions	750.00
" Freedmen	600.00
" Gospel Work	300.00
" Peace	25.00
" Temperance	200.00
" aid to a Friend from the British Provinces	100.00
	$2,700.00

For the Committee on Finance

Owen Dame.

Newport 6th Month 13th, 1888.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each. The Committee on Finance are, viz:-

Members of the Com on Finance.

For Rhode Island — Samuel R. Buffinton, For Salem — Owen Dame. For Sandwich — George Howland, Jr., For Falmouth — Augustus F. Cox. For Smithfield — Richard Battey. For Vassalboro — William A. Jones, For Dover — Timothy B. Hussey. For Fairfield — Levi Jones.

Returning Minute issued.

63. The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following returning Minute for our friend James M. Haviland, viz:- "James M. Haviland, acceptably attended this Meeting;

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and similar ones for Hannah H. Leggett, S. Adelbert Wood, Samuel Miles, Richard H. Thomas, Mary S. Thomas, Rufus P. King, Ellison K. Purdy, David E. Sampson, Jno Carey, William P. Pinkham, Annie K. Knight, Evi Sharpless, Jesse W. Wilmore and Zaccheus H. Powell.

Turning Minutes for Companions

64. The Clerk was directed to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend Thomas H. Leggett, viz:- "Thomas H. Leggett attended this Meeting. His company has been acceptable to us," and similar ones for Ella Wood, Phebe A. Miles, Emma Sampson, an Elder, Amelia F. Purdy, and Mary F. Powell.

Epistles to other Yearly Meetings read and approved.

65. Epistles to London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings have been read and approved; the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

Report from Com. on New Business approved.

66. The Committee on "New Business" present the following request, viz:-

"Friends of Newport Preparative Meeting request of the Yearly Meeting that they may be permitted the use of the south part of the Meeting House when it seems desirable, that part of the house being Yearly Meeting property.

Mary Alice Gifford
William Jacob."

Newport 6th Month 13th, 1888.

The request is granted.

Report of Com. on New Business, referred to Representative Meeting.

67. The Committee upon New Business also presented the following request, viz:-

"It is proposed that a joint Committee be appointed to visit and advise with Subordinate Meetings, as way may open, more particularly to render assistance in the correct observance of Discipline".

Which is referred to the Representative Meeting, for its consideration, and such action taken thereon as may seem desirable.

Committee of arrangements.

68. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which now are or may then be under appointment, viz:- Samuel R. Buffinton, Levi Jones, Eli Jones, Thomas Wood, Augustus F. Cox, Robert P. Gifford, Ezra Hawkes, Charles M. Jones, Myra E. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Sarah D. Brown and Huldah H. Leighton.

Minutes of the Yly Mtg directed to be printed.

69. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand two hundred copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

Representatives report a new apportionment of Yly Mtg Stock.

70. The Representatives to whom was referred a new apportionment of Yearly Meeting stock, report as follows, viz:-

The Representatives have conferred together and are united in recommending that each Quarterly Meeting's proportion of stock to be raised the ensuing year be as follows, viz:-

Rhode Island	23 per cent
Salem	17 " "
Sandwich	30 " "
Falmouth	5 " "
Smithfield	5 " "
Vassalboro	5 " "
Dover	3½ " "
Fairfield	10 " "
Parsonsfield	1½ " "
	100

On behalf of the Representatives,

Daniel C. Maxfield.

Newport, 6th Mo 13th, 1888.

Concluding Minute.

71. As life was spared, health given, and privilege afforded, we gathered in this another Yearly Meeting, for the purpose of worshipping our Father Almighty, for the transaction of the varied affairs of the Church, for the building up, one of another in the most holy faith, and for the purpose of gathering souls to Christ our ever living Head.

We can now acknowledge with feelings of gratitude and thankfulness, as we have concluded our business in [illegible], love, and unity, that the felt presence of the Lord has been with us from sitting to sitting, enabling us, afresh to realize, the fulfillment of His precious promise, "Lo, I am with you alway."

We now conclude, proposing to meet again in Portland, Me. at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall,
Clerk.

Yearly Meeting Correspondents.

The Correspondents of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England are:—

George Howland, Jr., New Bedford, Mass
Joseph Cartland, Newburyport, "

Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth Month, 1888.

To London.

Epistle to London Yearly Meeting.

Dear friends.

We have received your Epistle of last month, a token of love that should ever bind together members of the same house-hold of faith. We are glad to know that the two dear Friends from our Yearly Meeting were cordially welcomed among you, and that the loving reception, by Friends in this country, of your delegation to the Conference at Richmond was such, as to strengthen the ties that bind us lovingly together in maintaining the precious truths of the gospel as held by us.

We are deeply interested and gratified to know, that you are earnestly laboring to extinguish the liquor traffic among you, with its attendant evils that bring much suffering to our fellow men, and is a great hinderance to receiving the truth that sets free from all such bondage.

We feel very thankful that Statesmen, Philanthropists, and truly enlightened Christians, are, as never before, awakened to the importance of resorting to a more Christ-like mode of settling international disputes, than the destruction of one another's lives and property upon the battle field.

We hope Friends everywhere will be increasingly faithful and earnest in maintaining our Christian views upon this subject and labor to create a public sentiment favoring the settling of questions between nations by arbitration, then we may expect the immense means now used to furnish implements for war, will be free to furnish implements of industry.

We believe the service of our Gospel Committee within the limits of our own Yearly Meeting and our labor in conducting schools among the Indians and the Freedmen are not only a great blessing to them but to ourselves also.

In all that we do to advance our common civilization and thus lift our fellow men to a higher plane, we should remember that it is our

Epistle to London continued

privilege to draw nigh to our loving Master for the help needed to carry on the work, for He has promised to bless all who are distributing in His name cups of cold water.

And now brethren, be sober, be vigilant; that nothing in us be dead, that should be alive, and if we have found Christ, we have the anointed of the Father, who will supply all we need as laborers among His people and in the world, for the coming of His kingdom and His glory and the doing His will on earth as it is done in Heaven. If He be thus in us, we shall overcome and sit down with Him in His glory, even as He has overcome and has sat down with His Father in His glory.

Yours in the Living Christ.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,
William C. Venhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to Ireland.

To Ireland.

Dear friends.

Your welcome Epistle has reached us with the signatures of your Clerk and Correspondent, names endeared to us, bringing to mind their acceptable visit of last Autumn, their genial company & words of cheer and counsel.

The memory of their visit will be long cherished by those in this land who were privileged to meet them. We greeted them not as strangers, but as brethren dearly loved. We feel a conviction that if no other results accrued from the holding of the recent General Conference, that the clearer knowledge of each other, our Institutions and methods will be of lasting benefit.

Although we have not adopted the Declaration issued at Richmond. Yet we feel that though it contains but little original matter, still we value highly its utterances on the absolute foundation truths in which all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity rejoice, viz: Christ Jesus, the "true God and Eternal life", in whom "dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily", and who in his humiliation became the Man of sorrows, the preciousness of His blood and the [illegible]

Epistle to Friends continued.

of His atonement as the plea of the contrite sinner who accepts the pardon of the God of love, through the merits of our risen Lord. We can also praise the Lord, for the clear enunciations of the Declaration in regard to the expectant hope of the waiting Church, the promised return of her Lord in Glory — when every eye shall see him — in anticipation of which his people re-echo the words of his own book "even so come Lord Jesus!"

We are grateful for the faithful warning of Christ so vividly brought to our mind by the Richmond Declaration — that the awful punishment of the wicked is "eternal" — and whilst this doom of astounding magnitude awaits a lost world — we rejoice with joy unspeakable in the glorious news, that the "Gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" — and that endless felicity and life eternal are the portion of His saints.

Our interest in the Mission at Brumana has been transferred to English Friends and henceforth by mutual consent, the Mission work at Ramallah is to be conducted by New England Yearly Meeting.

Our interest in Total Abstinence, Peace, Education and kindred topics continue unabated.

The spiritual interest manifested by the students at our Schools at Providence, R. I. and Oak Grove, Maine, is highly encouraging to us.

We would express feelings of deep sympathy with many of our dear friends in Ireland whose faith is sorely tried by the depression in property and business, inseparable from political agitation — fervently would we commit these tried ones to His keeping who has said to His own in everlasting covenant "I will never fail". "I will never forsake"

"God nothing does or suffers to be done,
"But we ourselves would do, could we but see,
"The end of all events, as well as He."

With an earnest prayer that God will restore to your loved but unhappy land prosperity and harmony on a permanent basis, we are lovingly your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall, Clerk.

1888
Epistle to
New York.

To New York

Dear friends.

In the fellowship of the Gospel of Christ we salute you as friends beloved in the Lord, remembering His words where He said, "A new Commandment I give unto you that ye love one another". If the spirit of Him who spoke these words is dwelling in us, surely we are bound together by a cord that cannot be easily broken. And while distance separates us, our hearts may be uplifted to our loving Father, for each other that He will be pleased to shower upon us riches of Divine grace that we may be enabled to run with patience, the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and finisher of our faith.

We hail with gladness the dawning of that day when the nations, as well as the Church of Christ are recognizing practically the principles of Peace and Arbitration.

A fresh tie binds us to our brethren of other Yearly Meetings by the mutual interest manifested in Foreign Missions and that bond has been strengthened by the recent Union Missionary Conference, which tended to unite those who were present in the one purpose of making Christians of all the Nations.

The Mission on Mount Lebanon, which we have carried on in connection with our English Friends since 1874, is now to be wholly given up to their care, and it is concluded to take in exchange the responsibility of the Mission at Ramallah, near Jerusalem, the first spot in the Holy Land where a Friends Mission was established, and a Mission, which has been made very precious to us by having been instituted through the labors of our dear friends Eli and Sybil Jones.

Our efforts for the salvation and elevation of the Indians have been blessed, but the call is loudly sounded to enter more fully into sympathy and helpfulness with this down trodden people.

We feel afresh the need of the fuller development of spiritual gifts among our members, and the importance of seeking the endowment of the Holy Ghost as a preparation to effectively minister to the needs of the heathen.

Epistle to New York continued.

We realize that the Liquor traffic has become a powerful agency to evil and stands in the way of progress in right things. It has intrenched itself in the very foundations of our National Government, and defies the efforts of those who because of its effects upon the home and nation are laboring for its overthrow.

We earnestly desire that the Church may become aroused to the fact that she has the power in the Lord Jesus Christ to successfully meet this issue, if she will arise (as a unit) in His strength and say "This thing shall not be", and follow His lead in implicit obedience.

Dear friends, God is calling upon the Christian women of the present day to follow Him in the contest with this powerful foe.

In the home, in the Church, and in more public ways He asks us to "do with our might" what our hands find to do. The social evils which are becoming manifest in these days, and the dangers to which our children and youth are peculiarly exposed are arousing a deep interest.

A false delicacy would prevent us from looking into these works of darkness, yet the thought that many of the young are being led away from the paths of innocence and virtue should prove a strong incentive to care and watchfulness on the part of those who have the care of these tender plants, and with one hand in that of the Crucified One, shall we not reach down the other to lift up those who are already reaping the bitter fruit of walking in impure ways.

Our Home Study Bible School is doing grand work. Members of this School can by study at home or elsewhere become thoroughly acquainted with the Bible, and our Society has need of thorough Bible scholars.

A desire is felt that the teaching in our Schools may lead beyond the mere historical part of the lesson into the deeper meaning, that pupils may see the beauty there is in the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The day is fast approaching when these places that know us now, will know us no more, and it becomes us as the children of God, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy, to be living witnesses to His truth, and not only by precept, but by a holy

Epistle to New York continued.

example walk day by day in the footsteps of Him who has said "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me".

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
"Anna G. Wood". } Clerks

Epistle to Baltimore

To Baltimore.

Dear friends.

Your Epistle read at this time assured us of your continued interest in our welfare and brought the comfort to our hearts wherewith yourselves "are comforted of God".

This fellowship with you in the Gospel has been quickened and increased by the presence and services of two dear young Friends in the Ministry from your limits.

It is fitting that our Eastern Yearly Meetings which have suffered in years past by reduced membership, should be united very closely in experience and testimony for the cause of truth.

As we unitedly approach unto, and receive the truth of God as it is in Jesus, we can better behold with quickened sympathies the exceeding glory of that Truth.

"God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself" and "God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" — O. what love we are invited to partake of, and a blessed communion indeed hath the Lord prepared for us.

We share in the gratitude you express that there is an advance in the lines of Church work, and as we have greeted each other at this gathering, we have felt a spirit of deepening in the Truth amongst the brethren.

Our Mission work in Syria has a marked event in its history this year, in a mutual exchange with our English brethren, so that Ramallah is to be our future Mission Home in that Country, with correspondence from that station direct to us.

Our Home Mission work more directly under the care of our Committee on "Gospel Work" has received fresh encouragement, by hearing of your success in that line, so we can feel a oneness with

Epistle to Baltimore Continued.

you in lengthening "chords" and strengthening "stakes" and in praying for the peace of Jerusalem.

Under the precious banner of the Prince of Peace we feel that this annual token of our Christian friendship goes forth to you, and we are thankful for the consciousness that "one is our Master even Christ."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to North Carolina.

To North Carolina.

Dear friends:-

We rejoice with you in the Christian fellowship and harmony which is so great in extent, pervades the united body of Friends; and we, too, feel assured that it is because of the fact that "One is" our "Master even Christ."

It is to us a source of gratification and cause for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that you, with the other Yearly Meetings, are so actively engaged in the branches of work which are of such vital interest and importance. We believe it to be the duty of the Christian Church to "make no compromise with sin", but to band together in a solid phalanx to resist the prevailing evils of the day.

We are glad to report that many matters of deep importance are claiming a good share of our attention. A keen and lively interest is manifested in the Temperance cause, and in that of social purity. We are also thankful for every victory reported which delivers any of our members from the weakening effects of tobacco.

We are becoming more and more awakened in Missionary work, both at home and abroad. We have taken from English Friends the exclusive control of the mission at Ramadan, in exchange for our share in that of Burmana. Now that we have a field all our own in the Bible Lands, we feel confident that then will be a still greater awakening here, and that we shall have the

Epistle to N. Carolina continued.

hearty sympathy and support of American Friends every where. Nearly $1000.00 were at once raised for the work at that station, where a new Girls Training Home is soon to be established.

We think efforts in Bible School work among us are more efficient than ever before, not because there is less of head work, but because there is more of heart work.

Our interest in Education is unabated. We were deeply moved by the sad calamity which befel Oak Grove Seminary, early in the Autumn, in the loss of building, and especially in the loss of one life. Much sympathy was expressed for the [illegible] family, [illegible] for the unfortunate boy, whose habit of reading light and sensational literature led him to commit the fearful deed, the penalty of which he is now paying in the State Prison.

Through faith, however, on the part of the Committee, in the assurance that "Our father is rich" and "will provide", new buildings are now in process of erection which will afford more and better advantages than before.

But that which cheers our hearts more than all else, in connection with this and Providence School, is the deep religious interest which prevails in them both; for we believe that the only complete education is that which develops the soul as well as the intellect.

In the fellowship of the Gospel, which has been shared with you at this time by the services of brethren from your limits, we commend you to the great Head of the Church in whose love we are one.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to Ohio.

To Ohio.

Dear friends.

We greet you in the love of Christ our risen Lord, who has called us from the rudiments of the [illegible] to himself; that we may partake of His nature and so be made complete in Him; we therefore [illegible] that

Spirit to this Continued.

have passed away, Christ having fulfilled them, now offers himself to us in their stead. Valuable was His presence on earth to His disciples, but they not being able to bear all He had to say, a service was left for His promised Spirit to reveal the richness of the [illegible] that was in [illegible] for His believing children.

To know Him as He would have us, our hearts must be open for the entrance of His Spirit to cleanse from all filthiness, and instruct His Messengers that they give no uncertain sound in preaching the Gospel that gathers to Christ.

We have entered into an arrangement with English Friends to exchange our interest in the work on [illegible] for theirs at Ramallah, situated about ten miles North of Jerusalem, this will give us a Mission field entirely under the control of American Friends.

The labors of our Gospel Committee within our limits — our services among the Indians — and our School for the Freedmen are being blessed to them and to us.

We have come to our [illegible] gathering with our hearts turned to the Lord for a blessing. In listening to the Ministry of the word, or when in silence expectantly waiting before Him, we have felt a strength, even in the presence of some diversity of opinion, making it easy to transact the affairs of the Church in love and harmony.

[illegible] Christians are being awakened, as never before, to the importance of abolishing war, and creating international [illegible] questions can be settled without resorting to the battlefield. We would encourage Friends everywhere to be increasingly faithful and earnest in maintaining our views upon this subject, and help create a public sentiment in favor of peaceably adjusting disputed questions between nations. Then the immense means now used for implements of war can be used for implements of industry. [illegible] lift our fellowmen to a higher plane, may it be remembered we have

Epistle to this continued

the privilege of [illegible] to our [illegible] [illegible] for help in carrying on the work.

And now beloved friends may we be vigilant that nothing among us be dead that should be alive, and if we have found Christ we have the Anointed of the Father who will supply all we need to help us labor among His people and in the world for the coming of His kingdom of peace among men.

Farewell in our loving Christ.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William [illegible]

Clerk.

Epistle to Indiana.

To Indiana

Dear friends,

We esteem it a glad privilege to exchange greetings with you in the love of Christ. Though so far distant from you, yet we feel a strong bond of sympathy and love which unites us closely with you in the family of God.

It was with satisfaction that we received the report of the late Conference. The harmony, Christian courtesy and singleness of purpose displayed by the several delegations, as well as the conclusions reached, impress us with the facts of the unity of spirit existing in the Friends Church at large, and of their essential agreement upon the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. "If any man will do His will he shall know of the doctrine".

We feel especially grateful for the kind hospitality extended to our delegates; and hope that the Christian fellowship which has been fostered by the mingling of Friends from so widely scattered fields may be renewed from time to time.

Our interest in Home and Foreign Missions is increasing. The late visit of a delegation of British Statesmen to this country in the interest of peace, reminds us of the importance of continuing our efforts in that direction. In the cause of Temperance, "bands of hope" are being formed for the instruction of children. We believe that Friends everywhere should be united in opposition to the liquor traffic

Epistle to [illegible]

and should contend for legal enactments for its prohibition. We have memorialized Congress to prohibit the present vast exportation of liquors to the west coast of Africa [illegible] specially [illegible] the [illegible] intemperance is rapidly increasing and largely counteracts the efforts of the missionaries.

We are thankful to believe that [illegible] the past year the [illegible] life and strength of our membership have increased. We bless God [illegible] early Churches is being renewed amongst us. The great need of the Church of to-day is a faithful acceptance of the perfect cleansing and the endurement of power.

And now beloved friends may "the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another and toward all men, even as we do toward you".

We are your friends and brethren in Christ —

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

William O. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to Western.

To Western

Dear friends.

As our Heavenly Father has again permitted us to assemble in our Yearly Meeting, our hearts have been [illegible] and our faith strengthened by the presence of the Lord's servants from other Yearly Meetings. Those in connection with the Epistles we recognize as a means of strengthening our fellowship in the Lord [illegible] to us all.

During the past year the number of deaths among us has been unusually large, and as we miss some of our most loved and useful members we are admonished to be doing our day's work in the day time, that we also may be ready when the Master calls.

While we hold our Meeting in a prohibition State, many of us at our homes are not blessed with such laws as yet, [illegible] the evil still lurks about our [illegible] States, and insinuates itself

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into many of our Committees. Nevertheless we rejoice that strong drink is an outlaw in a large part of our territory.

We believe that our interest in the various departments of our home work is deepening, and we desire the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit for our more earnest effort in the coming year.

We have at this time concluded to [illegible] claim to the Brumana Mission on Mount Lebanon to our English Friends in exchange for their Mission at Ramallah near Jerusalem. We have now a mission particularly our own, and are glad to note a growth of interest in this department. In this as in other parts of the Lord's harvest field, we see the fields already white, and pray the Master to send forth more laborers into his harvest.

Friend's Oak Grove Seminary which was completely destroyed by fire in the Ninth Month last, has continued its work through the year, and new and larger buildings are now being erected.

While we esteem very highly the universal brotherhood of believers we more especially prize the oneness we feel with members of the same branch of the Lord's family.

Now may you and we, be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth and length, and height, and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge.

Signed by directions and on behalf of the Meeting,

William O. Newhall.
Clerk.

Christle to Iowa

To Iowa

Dear friends,

As we have been brought near in spirit to the brethren in Christian fellowship we have thought of you and your great harvest fields of the Northwest. You have no doubt often felt the inspiring strain of the prophet (Isaiah 54th 2d) "Enlarge the place of thy tent and let them streach forth the curtains of their habitations, spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes

Epistle to Iowa [illegible]

We extend to you our prayerful sympathy in your [illegible] Shepherding the flock. May the good Shepherd dwell richly with you and us, in the "grace and truth which come by Him", that we "being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth and length and depth and height" of "[illegible]".

The work of Home and Foreign Missions never claimed our attention with deeper interest than the present year. My [illegible] exchange with our English brethren our work in Syria has been transferred to Ramallah, and the correspondence from that station in future will be direct to us. We hope [illegible] Home established there.

The Temperance cause with us presents features of encouragement in the Juvenile Bands organized among the children. We have Memorialized Congress to prohibit the present vast exportation of liquors to the west coast of Africa, and especially to the Congo country where intemperance is [illegible] the efforts of Missionaries.

Our public Meeting for Peace and Arbitration this year at Newport was one of the best we ever had, and the healthy peace sentiments of recent graduates of our Boarding School at Providence are among the good signs of a better future. Under the Banner of the [illegible], the [illegible] forth to you with the prayer that we all may be found faithful "till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God. Unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ".

Signed by [illegible] of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall.

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Epistle to [illegible]

To Canada.

Dear friends.

[illegible] year has rolled around, and we [illegible] again as a Yearly Meeting to offer praise

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Epistle to [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] meetings, to seek a fresh supply of grace, and by organization, consecration, and prayer, to be prepared [illegible].

Your Epistle has been read, and its words of love and [illegible] have strengthened the bond of our union with you in Christ, in whom we are one.

As we have sympathized with you in your trials, so now we rejoice with you in your prosperity, especially in your report of revival work and the gathering of souls to Christ in your land during the past year.

We feel a deep interest in your Mission in Japan, and in the dear young brother who has dedicated his early manhood to the Lord's service in that distant country. Such a manifestation of Christian love is a blessing to the Church in all lands, and will never be lost.

The rapid increase and spread of the interest in [illegible], in your land [illegible] is [illegible] for deep thankfulness, and we unite with you in the hope of better days when the curse of alcohol and tobacco shall no longer rest on our professed Christian countries.

The reports of our Committees on both Home and Foreign Missions have been cheering. When we [illegible] and faultiness, we say "What hath God wrought." But when we look at the work before us, the saving of the lost — the rescuing of the perishing, and the redemption of a sin-cursed world, and then think of the promised sufficiency of the Grace of God, we feel that more dedication to His service, more faith in His power, and more love for souls, should be manifested by us the year to come.

Our Committee on Foreign Missions, reports a change in the Mission in Syria, by which we withdraw from the work on Mount Lebanon, and accept the property and control of the Mission at Ramallah. Having now a field exclusively our own in the land of the Bible, we feel confident that a deeper interest will be [illegible].

All the sessions of our Meeting this year have [illegible] of Divine blessings. The Gospel has been

Epistle to Canada Contd.

preached with power by the Lord's servants, of whom He has graciously sent many to us this year.

Finally brethren farewell in the Lord, to whom be praise and glory through Christ.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William D. Newhall.
Clerk.

Epistle to Kansas.

To Kansas

Dear friends.

[illegible] from yours and other Yearly Meetings. This annual correspondence seems but a slender thread to bind [illegible]! We desire that it may convey a sense of our need of your prayerful interest in us, as well as express an affectionate wish to be fellow-helpers with you in the work, which our one Lord has appointed for His Church.

Another token of our union with you, and with others appears in the countenances and voices of the Ministers, who have come to us in the one faith, consecrated through the one baptism.

A third cord to bind us as one, is being woven by the acceptance and publication of the "Declaration of Faith" which the Conference of devoted Friends prepared for us last Autumn. May this last never a bond to bring us into bondage to the letter, which killeth, but may it serve to draw us more and more under the power of the Spirit, which giveth life.

For all these blessings let us be thankful: and let us believe that the mind of the Lord [illegible] for our progress in the way of holiness, and for unstinted faithfulness in spreading the truth.

Gathered here from our scattered meetings in four of the New England States, we have conferred together in an active harmony, and have received instruction and strength

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from one another. Engaged as we are at home, in a variety of active business pursuits, and accustomed to independence of thought, and taught as we are from childhood to feel our individual responsibility, there is of course a constant liability to swings from measure and to allow the spiritual life to become buried under the numbering cares of the world. How wisely designed was this time honored custom of frequently meeting together in the name of the Lord, on one common level, feeling a common need, and attending to those matters of His kingdom, in which we hold a common interest. Human minds like the different strings of a harp, of varying tone and tension, can, when brought to gather, and moved upon by the hand of the Lord, produce a harmony which is from above.

Our waiting friends have been favored a glad feel with spiritual thought, born of experimental knowledge.

The subject of Education has been prominently before us. We are pleased with the prosperity of the Boarding School at Providence. It having a great and increasing influence for good. Our School at Vassalboro furnishes, notwithstanding that its buildings were, last year, laid in ashes, and a precious life destroyed through the desprate wickedness of a depraved youth.

It seems proper for you to know, that this young criminal, who is now at hard labor in prison, was not connected with Friends, and furthermore, that the evil tendencies of his mind were augmented by the reading of bad books.

How serious the evils connected with the reading of base and impure literature! May the Christian world be diligent in putting the good and the true in such attractive form before the active minds of youth, that there may be a displacement of the false and misleading.

In Foreign Mission work, we are concentrating our efforts at one point, near the City of Jerusalem, where we conduct a School, and have a central station for preaching the Gospel and otherwise spreading a Christian influence.

Epistle 2 Kansas Continued.

The work on [illegible], in which we have many years [illegible] is now in the hands of our English Friends.

Our interest in Mission work [illegible] — in the Temperance cause — and especially in our Home Gospel service, is unabated.

We note with satisfaction, what you say of the importance of family Scripture reading. The family circle is the great source of power, in Church and Nation. How important that in it should be the atmosphere of peace and devotion.

The present time calls loudly for the citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom to stand uprightly before men, giving forth the light of Christian Character.

In loyalty to the Prince of Peace, may we with willing hands, seek to draw all to Him the Everlasting Protector of His people.

May His grace be with you enabling you to be "ensamples to believers, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith in purity." We are in much love your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall,

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Minutes 1889

Opening Minute 1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 14th 1889.

Names of Representatives 2. By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, Viz:

From Rhode Island — Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry C. Aydelott, Augustine Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, Robert V. Gifford, Obadiah Chace, Charles D. Kenyon, Daniel Meader, Charles W. Earle, Charles Estes and Benjamin A. Chace.

From Salem — Joseph Cartland, William O. Newhall, Albert C. Hill, Stephen R. Rogers, William P. Pinkham, Owen Dame, Hezekiah Binns, Daniel C. Maxfield, Joshua Buxton, John H. Crosman, Cyrus Jones, Charles E. Pearlee and Peter M. Veal.

From Sandwich — Joshua L. Macomber, Edward G. Dillingham, Thomas F. Hafford, Joseph Ewer, Stephen R. Wing, William P. Macomber, Nathaniel Howland, George Howland, Jr., Gideon Wood, David Kelley and Gideon Gifford.

From Falmouth — Augustus F. Cox, Ezra Hawkes, Reuben T. Jones, Henry F. Newell, John J. Frye, Nathan Pope, Leonard Lunt, Elijah Cook, John Cartland, John H. Hall and S. Alfred Hall.

From Smithfield — James O. Inman, Richard Bailey, Isaac Steere and D. Wheeler Swift.

From Vassalboro — Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, J. Warren Starkey, James J. Varney, John R. Roberts, William H. Coates, James Pope, William A. Jones, James C. Pierce, Everett M. Whitehouse and Isaiah Austin.

From Dover — George Estes, Oliver Meader, William P. Jenkins, Albert C. Buffum and John H. Osborne.

From Fairfield — Henry Winslow, Moses Briggs, Joseph E. Briggs, George B. Wing, Isaac Winslow, Levi Jones and A. Frank Morse.

From Parsonsfield — John B. Cartland, Russell Hoag, Silas H. Cartland, James Cartland and Joseph Remick.

Present except twenty Whose names being called, they were present except twenty, for the absence of ten of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

C. Stanley Newman present 3. We have at this time the acceptable company of

Henry Stanley Newman present.

our beloved friend, Henry Stanley Newman, a minister from London Yearly Meeting, who has presented credentials of unity and sympathy from Herefordshire and Radnorshire Monthly Meeting, Western Quarterly Meeting, and the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held in London the first of Sixth Month, 1888.

Ministers in attendance from other Yly. Mtgs.

4. We have also the acceptable company of the following named Ministers, with credentials of unity from their respective Meetings, viz:- Seneca H. Stevens, Mary G. Underhill, and Hannah T. Pratt from New York Yearly Meeting; Daniel Hill and Joseph Moore from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Amos McKenworthy and Mary J. H. Chappell from Western Yearly Meeting; John Fry and Evi Sharpless from Iowa Yearly Meeting; William Wetherald from Canada Yearly Meeting and Jesse W. Willmore from Kansas Yearly Meeting.

Companions to Ministers.

5 We have acceptably with us Phebe E. Johnson, an Elder, from Muscatine Monthly Meeting, Iowa: Abby M. Fry, an Elder, accompanying her husband John Fry: Anna S. Leggett, accompanying our friend Mary G. Underhill, with credentials from their friends at home.

Com appointed to prepare returning minutes.

6. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following named Friends, viz:- David Douglas, Joseph E. Briggs, Charles W. Goddard, Joseph Cartland, Owen Dame, Albert F. Minott and Charles M. Jones, who are requested to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends and report at a future sitting.

Epistles received from other Yly. Mtgs.

7. Epistles have been received at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except London, also one from Brumana, Syria. Those from Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana have been read to our comfort and edification; the reading of the remaining ones is deferred to a future sitting.

8 We appoint our friends Samuel R. Buffinton, Daniel C.

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Maxfield, Gideon Wood, Elijah Cook, James O. Inman, Josiah Philbrook, George Estes, Henry Winslow and Russell Hoag a Committee at our next sitting a Committee on Correspondence.

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9. We appoint William A. Jones, Samuel Buffum, Joseph E. Briggs, John B. Cartland, Robert P. Gifford, Cyrus Jones, William P. Davis, Augustus F. Cox and Isaac Steere a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer.

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10. We appoint William P. Macomber, William H. Varney, John Metcalfe, James P. Pierce, William P. Jenkins, Isaac Winslow, Silas H. Cartland, Charles Estes and Moses Huntington a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at a future sitting.

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11. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for last year.

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12. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that Nathan Chace, an Elder, and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 22^d 1888, in the 76th year of his age; Joseph Estes, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 26th, 1889, aged 87 years and 5 months, Henry C. Aydelott has been appointed Correspondent of Swansea Monthly Meeting; address Fall River, Mass. James Dennis, an Elder, and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 9th 1889, aged 89 years; that it has united with Providence Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Joseph H. Atwater and Robert B. Hanson, and in the appointment of Ellen K. Buffum and Sarah J. Hanson to the station of Elder, and with Rhode Island, Swansea and Providence Monthly Meetings in the appointment of Thirty Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with

Changes in Qy. Meetings continued

Salem Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Clement R. Hanson, and in the appointment of fourteen Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. With Amesbury Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Peter F. Sweatt, Albert C. Hill, Sarah A. Hill, Daniel C. Maxfield and Alice W. Maxfield to the station of Elder, and in the appointment of nine Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of six Associate Members of the same Meeting. Jonathan Boyce, an Elder, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died First Month 10th 1889, aged 89 years 5 months and 10 days. William P. Pinkham, a Minister from Spiceland Monthly Meeting, Indiana, has become a member of Salem Monthly Meeting, by certificate. Hannah B. Sawyer, a minister and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 13th 1889, aged 72 years 11 months and 25 days. Herod Chase, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 25th 1889, aged 82 years 7 months and 9 days. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah A. Brightman to the station of Elder, and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John B. Baylies to the same station; and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of nine, Westport five and New Bedford nineteen Associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in appointing Lewis M. Douglas and Ezra Hawkes to the station of Elder, and in the appointment of six Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Emma J. Getchell and Emma M. Newell, and in the appointment of Robert Goddard, Henry F. Newell, Helen M. Hacker, Melissa C. Crosman, Eliza E. Fan and Narcissa S. Pinkham to the station of Elder. Caleb Estes, an Elder, and member of the same Meeting died Twelfth Month 25th 1888, aged 88 years 3 months and 5 days. Ezekiel Varney, an Elder, and member of Windham Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 2d 1888, aged 92 years and 23 days. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united

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with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of John Metcalfe, and in the appointment of Mary A. Battey to the station of Elder, and with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Henry E. Sleight, and with the Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eleven Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Thisby Andrews, an Elder, and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 28th 1888, aged 89 years 10 months and 28 days. Mary R. Hadwen, an Elder, and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died Ninth Month 19th 1888, aged 81 years, 11 months and 18 days. Elizabeth W. Babcock, an Elder, and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 15th 1888, aged 79 years 11 months and 4 days.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Unity Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James H. Cook, Olive W. Cook and Helen M. Jones to the station of Elder, and with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of three Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Content W. Pope, an Elder, and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 25th 1888, aged 70 years and 3 months, Hezekiah Pope, an Elder, also a member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 12th 1889, aged 82 years 9 months and 3 days. Hannah R. Taber, an Elder, and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 9th 1889, aged 78 years. Jane H. Meader, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 27th 1889, aged 73 years.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Oliver Meader, Hannah W. Meader, Timothy B. Hussey and Anna M. Hussey to the station of Elder: and in the appointment of two Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. With Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph M. Hanson, Catherine J. Hanson and Sarah Frye, to the station of Elder.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that its list of Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has been revised and twenty six Friends appointed to that service. Also that a Meeting for worship has been established at Augusta, Maine, to be held on First-day at 10.30 A.M.

Adjourned. Adjourned to meet a 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Assembled — Afternoon — Met pursuant to adjournment.

Clerks appd — 13. Samuel R. Buffinton, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William C. Newhall for Clerk, and Daniel C. Maxfield and J. Warren Hawkes, which nominations being severally approved, they were accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

Remaining Epistles read. — 14. The Epistles from Western, Iowa, Canada, and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and one from Bremana Monthly Meeting were now read.

Com on Correspondence appointed — 15. The Committee appointed for that purpose, presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which is approved by the Meeting, as follows, viz:— Samuel Buffum, Silas H. Cartland, Charles W. Goddard, Isaac Sleere, Charles H. Thorndike, Benjamin F. Knowles, William P. Macomber, Charles M. Jones, Robert P. Gifford, Stephen R. Rogers, Thomas Wood, John F. Chase, William Jacob, Henry F. Newell, Arthur W. Jones, J. Warren Hawkes, Alfred H. Jones, William P. Jenkins, Isaac Winslow, Albert F. Minott, Olney J. Meader and John J. Frye.

Report of Com appd on the establishment of a Yly Mtg Conference. — 16. The Committee appointed in reference to the establishment of a Conference of Yearly Meetings, &c., presented a Report, which is satisfactory to this and the Women's Meeting, and is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee, to consider the proposition submitted to this Yearly Meeting by the Conference of Yearly Meetings in 1887, that a Conference of Yearly Meetings be established with delegated powers to meet at stated periods, have carefully considered the subject and are united in reporting that in their judgment way does not open at present for this Meeting to join in such a Conference.

On behalf of the Committee
Augustine Jones,
Gertrude W. Cartland.

Portland, Maine Sixth Month 14th 1889.

Statistics of members.

17. The Statistical Accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings, were now read, and are as follows, viz:—

	Number reported last year	Error in last years report - Gain	Error in last years report - Loss	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present number of members
Rhode Island	810	0	0	7	16	9	2	29	4	23	0	833
Salem	659	1	0	3	16	24	2	17	3	24	0	683
Sandwich	610	0	0	3	11	4	7	1	6	0	16	594
Falmouth	*683	0	0	8	20	6	11	11	10	0	16	575
Smithfield	371	2	0	2	8	3	3	3	1	0	2	369
Vassalboro	520	0	0	1	10	3	15	5	2	0	18	502
Dover	*287	0	0	2	4	0	2	0	1	0	5	217
Fairfield	505	0	0	1	4	7	5	28	1	26	0	531
Parsonsfield		0	0	3	1	0	0	2	2	2	0	159
Total	4445	3	0	30	90	56	47	96	30	75	57	4463
Net gain										18		

* Note - Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting, of 97 members, was set off to Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting, and 60 members of Dover Quarterly Meeting were also set off to Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting.

Statistics of Children.

Statistics of Children.

	Number of children between 4 and 21	Number of children between 12 and 21	Number attending School	Number attending School taught or constructed by Friends
Rhode Island	134	80	99	21
Salem	107	66	83	4
Sandwich	74	39	41	6
Falmouth	105	67	82	8
Smithfield	33	25	24	2
Vassalboro	67	32	52	18
Dover	27	21	19	4
Fairfield	57	36	42	4
Parsonsfield	27	14	25	1
	631	380	467	68

Com. to disburse income of Mosher Fund.

18. The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee is continued for

Report of Com to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund continued.

service another year. The Report is as follows, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on the disbursement of the Mosher Fund would report that a part of their work during the year has been the continuation of the distribution of the Friends Review. Two hundred and one copies have been sent to various parts of the Yearly Meeting, and much satisfaction has been expressed by the recipients. Thirty-one copies of the Christian Worker have also been sent out to some who especially desired this publication.

An additional number of the Catechism for young Friends having been called for, five hundred copies were purchased from the New York Book and Tract Association. Two hundred of them have been sent to different localities in North Carolina, and another hundred has been requested for use in the mission work in that state.

Four hundred copies of "Ten years in Abyssinia" have been ordered from the New York book and tract Society, but the order has not yet been filled, which will account for the balance in our treasury. The volumes will soon be ready, and it is hoped will increase the interest of our members in mission work.

On behalf of the Committee,
R. S. Murray

Portland, Sixth Month 14th 1889.

Mosher Fund Treasurers Report.

Income of H. H. Mosher Fund,- Treasurer's account.

Receipts

Balance from former account	$268.42
Received " C. F. Coffin, Trustee	500.00
" " North End Savings Bank, interest	60
	$769.02

Expenditures.

Paid for 200 Copies of Thoughts on Holiness	50.00
" " 201 " Friends Review for one year a part of year	250.05
" " 31 " Christian Worker	31.00
" " 500 " Catechism	23.75
Amount carried up	$354.80

Mosher Fund Treasurer's Report continued.

Amount brought up	$354.80
Express, postage, &c.	4.70
	359.50
Balance on hand to new account	409.52
	$769.02

J. E. Paige,
Treasurer.

Lynn Mass, Sixth Month 8th, 1889.

Trustees of Mosher Fund Report.

19. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The income of the Fund the past year has been,

Interest from City of Boston Bond	$500.00
" " Lynn Institution for Savings	84.80
" " New Bedford " " "	46.71
	$631.51

The payments for the same time have been,

To J. E. Paige Treasurer of Publishing Committee	$500.00
Balance added to capital	131.51
	$631.51

The Fund is invested in

City of Boston 5% Registered Bond	$10,000.00
Lynn Institution for Savings	2,184.29
New Bedford " " "	913.97
	$13,098.26

For the Trustees
C. F. Coffin Trustee

Lynn Mass, Sixth Month 8th 1889.

Records of Representative Mtg read

Book of Discipline printed & copies to be sold at fifty cts each.

20. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting. By these Records we learn that one thousand copies of the Book of Discipline have been printed by order of that Meeting, and this Meeting directs that the edition be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and, after supplying the Clerk of each of our subordinate Meetings with a copy, the remainder shall be held by him for sale at 50 cents each.

Proposition from Indiana Yly Mtg referred to next year.

21. In connection with the Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting, we have received their proposition in regard to the formation of a Central Missionary Board, which being considered, we are united in concurrence with Women Friends in referring the subject to our next Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 O'clock.

Assembled.

Seventh-day Morning, the 15th. The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Representatives called.

22. The Representatives being called were present except Twenty six.

Queries and Answers read

23. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The Answers are as follows, viz:-

Answer 1st. Our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except in Forty two instances, (and those on Nantucket in the middle of the week.) First-day Morning Meetings are generally well attended. Mid-week Meetings continue to be much neglected. The hour is observed with few exceptions.

Answer 2nd. With a few exceptions love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against. Care is taken to end differences when they appear. Some remissness reported from one Quarterly Meeting.

Answer 3d. With a few exceptions Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

Answer 4th. With a few exceptions Friends read the Holy Scriptures, individually and in their families, and encourage those under their care in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel Ministry is maintained, with some exceptions.

Answer 5th. Twenty nine cases of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage reported. Two Quarterly Meetings report a few instances. Not quite clear in the other parts of this query.

Queries and Answers continued

Answer 6th. Care is taken as to the several parts of this query.

Answer 7th. Clear as to military matters except in three Quarterly Meetings. Six Quarterly Meetings report exceptions with regard to oaths.

Answer 8th. Friends are careful in their business relations, as queried after, with few exceptions, and are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Answer 9th. Generally clear as to records. All our Quarterly Meetings report removals without certificates. Some care reported by one Quarterly Meeting.

Answer 10th. The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness impartially, but not always timely.

Minute upon state of Society.

The spiritual condition of God's children may be largely measured by their attendance of Meetings. The true lover of the Lord loves the gathering together of his people. Like the sweet psalmist of Israel they can say, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go up to the house of the Lord". The great secret of blessing is to hold all our Meetings in the power of God. Christ as our High Priest should be as clearly recognized in every meeting as we recognize one another. To Him should we look for guidance, and move forward cheerfully and gladly in His service. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye," is still a gracious promise to each disciple of the Lord. While special seasons of revival are a blessing to the Church, every ordinary Meeting should be in a condition of constant revival. Praise should be an important part of worship and our Meetings of such a character that the children will love to come. Until we make our Meetings a success, Quakerism will not be a success.

The oldest, the Divinest, the most important institution in the world is the family. If the family goes wrong all other institutions cannot wholly remedy the defect. Early training should be so guided as to lead each child to Jesus, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

Adjourned.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Assembled.

Afternoon.— The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

Request from Sandwich Qr Mtg in reference to a new apportionment

24. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting requests that this Meeting take under consideration the subject of a new apportionment of stock for the several Quarterly Meetings, which is referred to the Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

Falmouth Qr Mtg requests to be held once a year in Portland.

25. Falmouth Quarterly Meeting requests as follows, Viz:- "This Meeting is united in asking of the Yearly Meeting that our Quarterly Meeting be held in Portland once in the year, commencing on Seventh-day following the last Sixth-day in the First Month, the first one to be held in 1890. The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Portland the day previous at 2 O'clock P.M.," with which this Meeting unites and the change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Report of Providence Boarding School Committee.

26. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, presented their Annual Report. Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The School Committee, in presenting its Seventieth Annual Report, has the satisfaction of informing the Meeting, that through the entire year the health of the School has been excellent, with few exceptions.

The educational progress has been highly satisfactory. The religious interest, particularly on the boys side, has been unusually large and strong; the influence of this element within our borders has a very salutary effect on the discipline of the school.

The average number of scholars has been, boarders, 76 boys and 65 girls, and of day scholars, 8 boys and 11 girls, making an average of 84 boys and 76 girls.

The officers of government and instruction the past year have been;

Augustine Jones, A.M., L.L.B. Principal and Political Science.
Thomas Chase, L.L.D., L.L.D., Greek and Latin—Spring Term

Report of Evidence Harding School cont'd.

Marcellus Oakey, Governor, and English Studies
Susan S. Moore, Governess, " " "
Bessie T. Wing, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
George A. Barton, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Clara A. Winslow, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Edward F. Robinson, A.M., Latin, and in charge of School-room.
Rufus M. Jones, A.M., Modern Languages.
Lucy J. Hawkes, Primary Room.
Mary L. Farnum, M.D., Physiology.
Robert Bonner, Instrumental Music.
Elmer Almy Wilcox, Calisthenics for Boys.
Clara E. Rawson, Calisthenics for Girls.

The Auditor's Report for the year ending Seventh Month 1st 1888, is as follows.

Receipts

From Elizabeth Fry Fund for Board and Tuition,	$ 1,500.00
" the General Scholarship Fund,	5,300.20
" " Charitable Scholarship Fund,	2,689.70
" Auxiliary Studies, use of piano, Etc	3,690.33
" all other sources	30,824.98
	$44,005.21

Expenditures.

For salaries,	$ 13,747.45
" Wages,	8,985.21
" Provisions,	10,652.57
" Advertising,	627.49
" Repairs and Renewals	2,974.42
" Water Tax,	536.38
" Fuel,	1,719.02
" Lights,	910.86
" Papers & Periodicals,	57.16
" Incidentals,	214.54
" City Tax of 1887,	2,879.70
" Library,	312.44
	$ 43,617.24

Amount carried over

Report of Providence Boarding School continued.

Amount brought over	$43.617.24
For Improvements,	36.50
" Debts considered bad,	341.47
	$43,995.21
Leaving a profit on the year's work of	10.00
	$44,005.21

Total indebtedness last year	$1,719.96
Less profit	10.00
Leaving profit and loss account,	$1,709.96

J. H. Chace,
Robert P. Gifford,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
James O. Inman.
} Auditors.

The most important improvement made at the School for many years, has been the change in the roof of the centre building, and in the roofs of the two original wings.

This extensive work, has been under consideration for a long time, and, it was believed, could not longer be delayed without permanent injury to the buildings.

A large number of much needed and highly valuable rooms has been obtained by the alterations, some of which will be particularly useful in sickness. A fine gymnasium for the girls, which was also very much needed, has been secured.

The small and decreasing number of children of Friends in the Yearly Meeting, the vigorous competition resulting from improved schools everywhere, and the establishment of high schools in many of our larger cities, which have a tendency in the minds of parents to keep their children under the home influence, many of whom might under other circumstances send them to this School for education, may account in degree for the apparently small number attending our School for the past few years.

The department of "Carpentry and Wood-Carving" which has been carried on for several years, has proved very successful, some of the articles made even by the younger pupils, reflecting credit on both teacher and scholar.

During the past year the attention of the public has been increasingly drawn toward this branch of

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our work, many persons, some of them ladies from the City of Providence, having joined the classes. Applications for admission to this department are largely beyond our ability to accommodate.

Quite recently we have effected the sale of two more lots of land. The accompanying Minutes, prepared by direction of the Committee, are referred to the Yearly Meeting for its approval.

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by Scholarship from the same Fund of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund of $75.00

The rates are payable, one-half at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, of $10.00; for one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing $15.00; for one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing and Painting $30.00.

It is understood that hereafter no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one-half may be made for the balance of the term, or period of absence.

With renewed thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for mercies past and present, and with a heartfelt invocation that He will be pleased to continue over us His loving care and protection, we conclude.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee
George Howland, Jr., Clerk.

Boarding School, Providence, R. I., Sixth Month 4th, 1889.

Note.— The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 11th, 1889. The Spring Term begins Second Month 5th, 1890, and ends Sixth Month 24th, 1890.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the Meeting of the Committee Seventh Month 30th. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Seventh Month 30th. Applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Friends Boarding-School, Providence R. I.

Report of Providence Boarding School Com. concluded and names of the Committee.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting and the Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year. Viz: Charles F. Coffin, George Howland, Jr., Timothy B. Hussey, Samuel R. Buffinton, Richard Bailey, James H. Chace, James O. Inman, Peter M. Neal, Benjamin F. Knowles, Augustus F. Cox, Robert P. Gifford, J. Warren Hawkes, William O. Newhall, Isaac Oscar Winslow, Daniel C. Maxfield, John J. Frye, Olney T. Meader, Ellen R. Buffum, Hannah J. Bailey, Rebecca A. Steere, Anna G. Wood, Deborah W. Crosman, Elizabeth H. Austin, Sarah F. Tobey, Esther Jones, Caroline C. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, Lydia C. Neal, Ruth S. Murray, Alice W. Maxfield, Anna M. Hussey, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Sarah Marble and Huldah H. Leighton. Owen Dame, Treasurer, ex-officio.

Deeds given by Boarding School Com. ratified and confirmed by the Yly Mtg.

27. A question having been raised whether the deeds of the school land, purporting to be the deeds of the Yearly Meeting of Friends of New England, Corporation, duly executed by its Treasurer with its corporate seal duly affixed, were really and truly authorized by the Corporation, as the said deeds were executed by direction of a sub-committee of the School Committee.

The said deeds, being one to George L. Davis, bearing date the eleventh day of July, A. D., 1882, duly recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, in the City of Providence, in deed-book 314, page 419. Another deed to said George L. Davis, bearing date the nineteenth day of Ninth Month, 1883, recorded in the said office, book 319, page 481. Another deed to said George L. Davis, bearing date the twelfth day of February, A. D., 1883 duly recorded in said office, book 319, page 143. Another deed to Isabelle B. S. Nichols, bearing date the fifteenth day of December, 1884, recorded in said office, book 331, at page 57. And another deed to said Isabelle B. S. Nichols, bearing date the fifteenth day of Tenth Month, 1885, recorded in said office, book 331, at page 481.

We do now herein and hereby ratify and confirm the aforesaid action and doings of the said Sub-Committee of the School Committee and of the said Treasurer, and we do hereby ratify and confirm each of the aforesaid deeds and conveyances to the said grantees, their heirs and assigns forever; and affirm and declare that said deeds were each and all executed and delivered to said

grantees, with full authority of said Corporation, and that said deeds and conveyances are valid and binding upon said Corporation to the fullest extent.

Two Minutes Boarding School Com referred to a Committee.

28. Two Minutes proposed by the Providence School Committee for adoption by this Meeting having been read, it was concluded to refer the same to the following-named Committee to report at a future sitting, viz:- Samuel Buffum, Levi Jones, Silas H. Cartland, Obadiah Chace, Joseph Cartland, Gideon Wood, John H. Hall, Oscar J. Moore, Alfred H. Jones, Emeline H. Tuttle, Emma J. Briggs, Phebe L. Pope, Eliza P. Pierce, Salome C. Wheeler, Emma M. Wood, Lydia B. Dillingham, Anna M. Gove and Esther Chace.

Report of the Freedmen's Com

29. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South, have presented their Annual Report, together with the Report of the condition of the Freedmens Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. The Committee is continued for service another year - the report is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting;

The Fall Term of the Freedmens Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., commenced Eighth Month 20th, with an enrollment for that month of one hundred and fourteen, a number much beyond that of some previous years. The Term closed Twelfth Month 22nd, with an enrollment of one hundred and fifty five. The Spring Term opened First Month 2nd, with an enrollment of one hundred and ninety five, and closed Fifth Month 20th, with two hundred and eleven enrolled.

The School for the year has been more fully attended than is usual, and in it much excellent work has been done. Ninety students were in the normal class fitting themselves for teachers and other useful occupations. Eleven of these in the Fall Term, and Thirty nine in the Spring Term, were assisted in meeting their expenses to more than Eleven hundred dollars from the income of the truly noble Fund created by our late dear friend George Sturge of England.

The great usefulness of this Institution to the colored people is seen in the occupations of a large number of its former students that are engaged as teachers, preachers, printers, carpenters, painters, masons, and in various other trades and callings, all of which pursuits are not only useful to the students, but to the community in which they live and

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to our nation. There is no better way by which the friend of the colored man can efficiently act for his benefit than to give him an education that will make him honored and respected, and by which he will be enabled to meet, in a legitimate way, all his needs.

Financial Statement.

Receipts.

To balance from last year	$298.79
Appropriated by the Yearly Meeting	600.00
From other sources	413.27
Interest on Henry Camp's investment	70.00
Interest on deposit	5.86
Borrowed	89.68
	$1477.60

Expenditures.

For tuition	$1476.24
Balance to new account.	1.36
	$1477.60

All of which the Committee submits with the belief that this Meeting will not allow so important a work to suffer for the want of pecuniary help.

For the Committee

B. F. Knowles.

Portland, Sixth Month 15th, 1889,

Annual Report of the Freedmens Normal Institute Maryville Tennessee.

To the Yearly Meeting.

In submitting this Annual Report, we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father that He has so cared for this work as to raise up Friends to meet, so far as our work goes, the necessities pressing upon us; but we feel also, that the responsibility in regard to the future of the colored people is increasing rather than diminishing.

The discipline of slavery usually compelled these people, however ignorant they were, to keep orderly among themselves and among the white people whom they served.

As the young people who never felt the galling bonds of servitude, grew up, they should have had the discipline of education to give them the habit of self-control; with all its attendant blessings. Instead of this, a large majority of them have grown up, not all of them entirely illiterate,

Freedmen's but comparatively in a state of superstitious ignorance.
Aid Cont'd. The Training Schools for teachers have done a great deal towards furnishing competent, well-disposed, Christian teachers for the colored schools, and yet a very large majority of the schools among these people are still taught by persons who are grossly ignorant. Outside of such institutions as ours, in the South, perhaps not one school of colored people in ten thousand is taught by a white teacher. The duty, then, of the more favored, better educated and cultured citizens of the nation is to press the work in a practical way in the Normal Schools.

We hear from every quarter cheering reports of good, effected through the efforts of those trained in the Freedmen's Normal Institute; and, doubtless, other institutions with like purposes are doing much in the same direction, but the great need is to prepare and send out, annually, a larger number of trained and qualified teachers for the common schools. Education is said to be "the bulwark of liberty" in a republic.

The corruption now prevalent in American politics, the most dangerous menace to the permanency of our nation as a representative government, is chiefly attributable to ignorance among the voters. The duty of the present time is plain. We must educate this people, or we and our posterity must suffer the penalty of our neglect. The interests of the races are identical. Whatever hinders the progress of one race, interferes with the prosperity of the other; and, consequently, whatever promotes the best interests of one race increases the happiness of the other. "Let us not", therefore, "be weary in well doing", but "do good unto all men as we have opportunity."

The following statistics will show, to some extent, the amount of work accomplished by the Freedmen's Normal Institute during the past year:

Whole number of days taught,	190
" " enrolled,	211
Average " belonging,	118.4
Per cent of attendance,	82
Number of teachers in Training Class	90
" teaching in different States (estimated)	175
" taught by former students "	8750
" boarders in the buildings	46

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Number reading from books,	204
" studying Arithmetic,	201
" " English Grammar,	135
" " Geography,	83
" " English Composition,	126
" " United States History,	14
" " Geology of Tennessee,	8
" " Latin,	3
" " Civil Government,	1
" " Physiology,	10
" " Natural Philosophy,	1
" " Algebra,	4
" " Rhetoric,	2
" " Book-Keeping,	8
" " Scientific Agriculture,	5
" " English Literature,	6

Our regular Meetings for Worship have been held, as usual, on the First and Fourth days of the week.

The Sabbath School has been well attended, and much interest has been manifested. The subjects of Peace and Temperance have been kept before the students by teaching, preaching and the distribution of literature.

The public reading of the scriptures with devotional exercises, has been continued, as has been the custom heretofore, twice each day; that is, in the morning at the opening of the School, and in the evening at the collection of the students who were boarding in the buildings.

Judging from the essays and discussions in the Literary Society, which met weekly, as well as the character of the orations and essays which constituted the principal part of the closing exercises of the school, the work for Peace and Temperance has produced encouraging results.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm P. Hastings, Principal.

Names of Freedmen's Committee

The Freedmen's Committee are Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles F. Coffin, Joseph E. Briggs, Robert P. Gifford, Gertrude W. Cartland, Hannah J. Bailey and Elizabeth A. Gifford.

Report of the Trustees of the George Sturge Fund.

30. The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is as follows, viz: —

The Eighth Annual Report of the Trustees of the

1889.

Report of the Trustees of the George Sturge Fund cont^d

George Sturge Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting.

During the Fall Term many students are engaged in teaching, and that very much lessens the number in the Normal Class at the Institution. Eleven in the Fall Term and thirty nine in the Spring Term were in the Training Class, preparing for teaching and other useful occupations in life. They were each helped one dollar and thirty seven cents a week from the Fund, an advance over former years, yet the class receiving the help was unexpectedly small, and therefore a larger balance will go to a new account, which will admit of an increased distribution for the coming year.

Financial Statement.

Receipts.

Balance from last year,	$1,316.23
Coupons paid Seventh Month, 1888.	727.50
" " First " 1889.	727.50
Interest on deposit to Fifth Month 1889	53.11
	$2,824.34

Expenditures.

Assisting eleven Students in the Fall Term	$140.02
" Thirty Nine " " " Spring "	992.71
Box in R. I. Safe Deposit Co	15.00
Balance for new account,	1,676.61
	$2,824.34

For the Trustees

B. F. Knowles.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 15th 1889.

Names of Trustees George Sturge Fund.

The Trustees of the Sturge Fund are as follows, viz:— Benjamin F. Knowles, Samuel R. Buffinton, Augustine Jones, Owen Dame, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ellen K. Buffum and Susan T. Thompson.

Report of Com to revise and print a Calendar.

31. The Committee appointed last year to revise and print a Calendar of all our subordinate Meetings, report the service performed, and this Meeting directs that the edition be sent down to our several Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions.

Adjourned.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning, at 10 O'clock in joint session.

Assembled.

Second-day Morning, the 17th

Assembled. The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

Report of Com on Bible Schools 32. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools has now been read, and is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The work of the Bible School Committee for the past year has been mainly an effort to unite the schools of our Yearly Meeting more closely together, to inspire them with a feeling of the advantage of mutual help and counsel, and also to inculcate the thought that these schools working for the same purpose should know how much can be gained by union, and that to strengthen this union the stronger schools must help those that are weak. To accomplish this purpose Superintendents have been appointed during this year for the various districts of New England Yearly Meeting, and some work has been accomplished by them in bringing to the notice of the Committee cases where a letter, a word of advice, or perhaps some pecuniary aid may have helped some worker in a school, who, struggling alone amid difficulties, may have been almost tempted to give up the apparently unpromising work.

Enough has already been done in this direction by the Committee to show the necessity of more extended efforts, if some of the weak schools are to continue to exist. These must be made to feel that they have not only the prayers but the hearty Coöperation of the Friends of New England Yearly Meeting.

Among the schools themselves, we can report an increase of interest. The number of conversions is larger than those reported for any previous year, and in our next report we hope we shall be able to see good results from these newly consecrated lives.

The statistics also show that the number of members in the schools is about the same as last year. Sandwich has the largest number of Bible students, the number being six hundred and ninety four. Vassalboro, Falmouth and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings show quite a decided decrease in Membership during the past three years.

A very interesting Conference was held at New Bedford during the Eighth Month, 1888. Many delegates were present, and we think that all obtained some helpful ideas to carry home.

Report of Com. Bible Schools continued.

George A. Barton, Principal of the Home Bible School has presented to our Committee the following report of its work;

During the past year the work of the Home Study Bible School has steadily progressed. The number of students enrolled is somewhat larger than last year, and the number who are doing real work has considerably increased.

The statistics of the school are as follows;

Students temporarily debarred from study by sickness, etc., Eight. Graduated from this course during the year, three. Their names are Nellie Goddard, of Lisbon Falls, Maine, Mary H. Robinson of Brunswick, Maine, and Esther Jones of Deering, Maine.

New Testament course,	number	enrolled		102
Old "	"	" A,	"	" 5
" "	"	" B.	"	" 5
Ecclesiastical History	"	"	"	8
Greek Testament	"	"	"	2
Elementary Greek Course		"	"	3
				125

During the year the Principal has written to students to encourage them, or to answer their inquiries, about two hundred letters, aside from the regular lesson papers, which he has corrected and returned.

Of the one hundred and twenty five students mentioned above, the most part are of our own Yearly Meeting, but four are of New York, two of Canada, three of Philadelphia, one of Ohio and two of Western Yearly Meeting.

I have consulted at different times with members of the Committee, and would propose that in future for any English course in this school, a fee of fifty cents be charged, and for any language course a fee of one dollar, that each student be allowed a year in which to complete a course, and if it is not completed in that time he shall pay another fee and have another year in which to finish it, and that all students now in the school be allowed another year free of charge in which to finish the course they have undertaken. The instructors in the school remain the same as last year.

The Principal feels that this work has an important bearing on the future of the religious efficiency of our Society, and would urge upon all the necessity of supporting the school, not only by encouraging the teachers, but by encouraging the young to become students, and in helping them

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to obtain books from which to study.
Efforts earnestly applied in this direction will in future years give us a membership "that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth". And it must not be forgotten that our membership is our ministry.

We would recommend the subject be continued under the care of a Committee, and would ask that a sum be appropriated for its use during the coming year.

In behalf of the Committee,
Sarah H. Taber, Secretary.

	No of Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	No of Friends
Rhode Island,	9	574	423	261
Salem,	11	493	351	251
Sandwich,	11	694	410	177
Falmouth,	9	374	244	225
Smithfield,	7	270	173	124
Vassalboro,	8	317	209	155
Dover,	3	65	47	52
Fairfield,	5	277	195	146
Parsonsfield,	2	113	[illegible]	74
Total	65	3177	2108	1465

Treasurers Report.

Receipts.

1888 6th mo 12th Balance from old account,	$6.01
" " From C. W. Goddard for papers,	2.85
" S. R. Buffinton Treasurer	84.12
	$92.98

Payments.

1888 6th mo 28th G. H. Champlin & Son, at Newport	$2.53
" " 26th J. J. Battey, " "	5.25
7 Mo 2nd G. A. Barton, Expenses, printing etc for Home Study B. School,	16.76
1889 1 Mo 15th Publishing Association of Friends,	13.92
6th Mo 1st Assistance rendered four small schools,	20.00
6 Mo 5 Publishing Association of Friends	4.35
6 Mo 17th Secretary's account, including expense of Gen Conference	30.17
	$92.98

Report of Com on Bible Schools included.

Olney T. Meader, Treasurer.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 17th, 1889.

The report is satisfactory and adopted by the Meeting, and we appoint Phebe S. Aydelotte, Olney T. Meader, Rebecca D. Ewer, Charles W. Goddard, Abbott T. Wheeler, Mary E. Philbrook, Albert E. Buffum, J. Warren Hawkes and Russell Hoag, a Committee to retire and produce at this sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Bible Schools.

Report of Com on Gospel Work.

33. The Report of the Committee on Gospel Work was now presented and read, as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

Again, dear friends, we come to you with a report of our year's work. It has been a year of blessed service, the sower and the reaper going forth hand in hand, and often rejoicing together over the gathered sheaves. Our tabulated report is as follows:—

Number of Meetings in the Yearly Meeting	69
" " " visited	67
Meetings without continuous service	621
Series of Meetings	28
Number of Meetings included in the series	468
Bible readings	78
Children's Meetings	10
Total number of Meetings held	1187
Family calls	1339
Professed conversions	144
" renewals	92

We gather comfort for the present, and inspiration for the future, in the thought that it is not so much what we really do as what we aim to do, that the blessed Master approves. We can thankfully record, too, that nearly every discouragement that has beset us in the past year has been blessedly offset by a corresponding encouragement. Thus, some who could not be reached by the Meetings have been reached in their homes; and this kind of work, which requires the wisdom of the serpent, combined with the harmlessness of the dove, has resulted in some instances in a clearing away of hinderances to the work and a blessing to the Meeting. We believe heavenly wisdom has been granted, though the testimony has not always been received, since "the disciple is not above his Master, nor the servant above

Report of Com on Gospel Work Cont'd

his Lord", we are able to report definite blessing as a result in most cases. In one instance a member of this Committee was sent for at midnight to go to a home, where the father was found under deep conviction. By the blessing of the Lord on the instruction given, the man was enabled to "lay hold on eternal life", and two other members of the family were soon rejoicing in a knowledge of the great salvation.

Reports from members of the Committee speak of opportunities for wayside service, which have been greatly blessed in leading souls out of bondage, the Lord seeming to prepare the way and "make the place of His feet glorious". Letters have been written to isolated members in some Quarterly Meetings, and endeavors have been made to reach as many members as possible.

One worker, speaking of hinderances to the work on account of the low state of spirituality in the Church, says "The Church must get right first, and unless there is a sanctified Church and ministry it is of little use to leave converts, for they will only die". Another says, "If the Lord is pleased to send any of His servants here to labor among us, it is my prayer that we may be in such a spiritual condition that we can help them in leading souls, instead of having so much labor bestowed on us that there is no time to labor for the unsaved.

As encouragement in the same line, one writes, "We had a series of meetings at the close of our Quarterly Meeting. We had no strangers with us, but used our home workers, doing the best we could and trusting in the Lord; and He did, indeed, bless the broken bread in the hands of those to whom He gave it to hand forth."

This comes from another Quarterly Meeting, "I am sorry that more has not been done in our Quarterly Meeting, but do praise the Lord that in some of our Meetings there is a healthy revival spirit all the time. In one Meeting there have been ten professed conversions within a few months, without any special help from any save our home workers."

These reports are full of encouragement. No better work can be done than the setting other people to work; and where there is a healthy revival spirit all the time, "the work of any whom the Lord may send to labor in that part of His vineyard will be doubly blessed".

Report of Com. Gospel Work Cont'd

One member writes, "I have never known such an opening for Gospel work as has been set before me this winter; so many calls to 'come over and help us'; and yet, with my heart longing to go and engage in the work, the winter is almost gone and I have not yet been able to hold one series of Meetings anywhere." The writer goes on to speak of home duties which would necessitate the hiring of help if he were away, which he could not afford. "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God care for oxen?" He does, indeed; and far more does He care for His servants, whom He has anointed to carry the Gospel to perishing souls. He would not have the rest of the Church "eased" and these precious, called Ministers of His "burdened". It is to be regretted that any earnest worker among us should be hindered from going out at the Masters call, when there are so many places in New England where no religious services are held, and where there is a call for teaching and help from Friends. The Lord is sending to us converted men and women who are inwardly drawn to desire union with a people who believe in a pure, spiritual worship, unencumbered by forms and ceremonies.

With regard to one of the new Meetings established the past year, one Quarterly Meeting Superintendent writes, "Several were awakened by the Salvation Army, and when they thought of making their home some Church they chose the Friends', and I think fourteen requested membership. They met and held Meetings by themselves, and, their numbers increasing, Friends fitted up a Meeting place for them and recognized the Meeting".

It seemed well to the Gospel Committee to call a Conference of Ministers and other Christian Workers, for mutual strength and encouragement in the work. Such a Conference was accordingly held in Lynn, in the Eighth Month, it was well attended and we believe was productive of good.

"Say ye not there are yet four Months and then cometh the harvest? Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." May God help us in this Yearly Meeting so to look for souls, and so faithfully to redeem the time, that many fields to-day untilled among us may yet become "fair as the garden of the Lord" through our efforts.

On behalf of the Committee

Elizabeth J. Larkin General Superintendent.

Portland, Me., 6th Mo 17th 1889.

Treasurer's Report of Com on Gospel Work

Treasurer's Report.

Balance from last year	$11.29
Collections at Newport	445.22
Subscriptions	290.00
From Monthly Meetings	35.35
Appropriation by Yearly Meeting	300.00
	$1,081.86
Expended by the Committee	955.72
	$126.14

Olney T. Meader
Treasurer

Portland Sixth Month 17th, 1889.

Com appo to nominate a Com on Gospel Work

The Report is very interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue the concern of the Meeting in this direction under the care of a Committee, and we appoint our friends Edward G. Dillingham, Rebecca D. Ewer, Anna F. Hall, Augustus S. Coy, Isaac Steere, Mary A. Battey, Josiah Philbrook, Mary R. Jones, Albert C. Buffum, Almira C. Buffum, J. Warren Hawkes, Mary C. Hawkes, John B. Cartland, Lydia A. Cartland, Samuel R. Buffinton Esther Chace, John F. Chase and Tacie P. Hawkes a Committee to nominate a Committee on Gospel Work and report at a future sitting.

Names of Bible School Committee.

34. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on Bible Schools the ensuing year, viz:— Olney T. Meader, Thomas J. Battey, Annie Macomber, Ellen C. Marfield, Henry F. Newell, Charles H. Atkins, Martha Hoag, Charles A. Chace, C. Irving Bailey, Mary G. Winslow, George B. Wing, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, William T. Hussey, Phebe E. Pope, Thomas N. Hoag, Oscar J. Moore, John Metcalfe, Salome C. Wheeler, George R. Wood, Sarah H. Taber, Mary E. Taylor, Emily S. Weeks, Frank E. Jones, Rufus M. Jones, George A. Barton and Daniel C. Marfield The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly.

Adjourned.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon in joint session at 4 O'clock.

Assembled.

Afternoon the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Names of Com on Gospel work

35. The Committee to whom was referred the nomination of a Committee on Gospel Work, have made a report which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Friends named are appointed to that service the ensuing year, viz:- Eli Jones, Harriett T. Collins, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Peace Jones, Anna G. Wood, John Metcalfe, Phebe L. Pope, Salome C. Wheeler, Joseph E. Briggs, Alfred H. Jones Augustus F. Cox, S. Jane Cox, Elizabeth H. Cobb, Olney T. Meader, Albert F. Minott, Benjamin F. Knowles, Edward T. Tucker, John B. Cartland, Emeline H. Tuttle, and Andrew J. Williams.
The consideration of the service of the Committee on Gospel Work was resumed and a collection taken for its aid, and $165.61 received, which is directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee. Our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to appoint Committees to cooperate with the above Committee as way may open.

Powers and duties of Trustees of Providence School Funds defined

36. The Committee appointed in reference to the subjects proposed by the Providence Boarding School Committee have made a report, which is accepted by the Meeting and is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to consider the subject of the powers and duties of the Trustees of the Funds of the Providence Boarding School, have attended to their appointment and are united in recommending that the three Trustees shall have full power to receive and hold all the Funds of the Boarding School; and that the Minute of the Yearly Meeting of 1882, numbered 17, be recinded or so modified as not to conflict with the authority of the Trustees, as given by the Yearly Meeting of 1888, Minute number 42.

And we recommend the adoption by the Yearly Meeting of the Minute referred to us regarding the appointment of a Real Estate Committee.

For the Committee,

Samuel Buffum.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 17th 1889.

Duties of Real Est. Com of Bd. School defined.

37. It is decided that a Real Estate Committee, consisting of five persons, who shall be members of the School Committee having charge of the School at Providence, R.I., three of whom shall form a quorum,

Duties of Real Estate Com of Providence Boarding School defined, and names of said Committee.

be annually appointed by the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, at the time of the appointment of the School Committee, whose duty shall be to care for and manage the land and real Estate of the said Yearly Meeting, in said Providence, not included between Lloyd Street, Whittier Avenue, Alumni Avenue, and Pennington Avenue, so called, and said Real Estate Committee is authorized and empowered to make sale of all or any part of said land or real estate (always, of course, excluding said reserved square or block of land,) from time to time in such parcels, at such prices, and upon such terms and conditions as in their judgment will best promote the interests of said School; and the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the time being, and his successors in office, are hereby authorized and directed to make and execute good and sufficient deed of conveyance of the same, and with or without warranty as said Real Estate Committee shall determine, and for and in behalf of said Yearly Meeting, sign, affix the corporate seal to, acknowledge and deliver said deeds whenever the said Real Estate Committee shall request him so to do. Said Real Estate Committee shall hold their places for one year, or until others are appointed in their stead, and whenever a vacancy, by reason of declination, resignation, death, incapacity, protracted absence abroad, or other reason, shall exist in said Real Estate Committee, the said School Committee may fill such vacancy, and when more than two such vacancies shall exist at the same time, it shall fill such vacancies, and the members of said Real Estate Committee, so appointed by the School Committee, shall have and exercise the same powers and authority as they could or would have and exercise had they been appointed by the Yearly Meeting. Said Real Estate Committee are directed whenever any money shall come into their hands from the sale of land as above mentioned, after paying such bills as shall be necessary for surveying, platting, grading streets, and adapting the land under their care and management for sale, to turn over the balance to the Trustees of the Boarding School Funds. And this Meeting appoints James H. Chace, Samuel R. Buffinton,

ames of Real Estate Com.

James O. Inman, Robert P. Gifford and Benjamin F. Knowles a Real Estate Committee for the ensuing year, in accordance with the foregoing.

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38. The following Summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz:—
Answer 1st — Five Quarterly Meetings report a few exceptions as to diligence in attending our Meetings for Worship and Discipline; one Quarterly Meeting reports exceptions relating to Meetings for Discipline, and three reports are clear.
Ans 2nd — Five Quarterly Meetings report no exceptions to this Query, and four report a few exceptions as to love and unity and harmonious labor in gathering unto Christ.
Answer 3d — All the answers to this Query report diligence in searching the Holy Scriptures in the prayerful spirit queried after, and care taken not to mis-quote or misapply them.

Minute of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

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To the Yearly Meeting;

As the Answers to the Queries were brought before us, we were reminded of the force of the injunction, "To speak a word in season to them that are weary." We belong to Christ because He has bought us, and when we have the spirit of Christ the word to others will be seasonable, and the frail, the weak and the weary will receive encouragement. Let us lend a helping hand and extend sympathy to all, even as our blessed Master sympathized with every one who felt the need of it. It is a truth that where there is a lack of love and unity there is a corresponding lack of gathering unto Christ. Love prompts to service and finds out the way to work. The love of God acts both ways. The heart in which this divine principle dwells, loves God supremely and also loves all whom He loves. The standard Jesus sets up is to love our enemies.

Some may ask, "How shall I work"? Why, go to work and learn how! "Where shall I work"? In the place that is nearest home; God's word to Moses was, "What is that in thine hand." Even as insignificant a thing as a Shepherd's rod can be be made an instrument of power by God.
All will acknowledge that ministers have spiritual gifts to be exercised under the direction of the Holy Ghost, but does it mean

Minute of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight Cont.d.

only ministers? All who are forgiven have a gift and service to be used for God, for the Spirit divides "to every man severally as he will," and then he gives "grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." We must awake to our responsibilities and be faithful to our glorious Leader. We have no right to set a value upon ourselves, or think of our gifts as either great or small. "Those members of the body which seem to be more feeble are necessary." Perhaps the Church has been too slow in recognizing the various gifts; for that of prophecy or preaching is but one among many which are enumerated by the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus loves His flock and He appoints us as under-shepherds. If we feed the Church of God, over which the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers, some of our difficulties will be solved.

Let us bring just as much energy and thought to the work of God as to our temporal concerns. His work must be first and must have our best powers. If we go to our meetings praying, and expecting to be used of the Lord, He will do it.

Alfred H. Jones, Clerk.

Membership of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The following constitutes the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, viz:-

	Ministers	Elders	Associate Members
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	22	34	43
Salem	11	26	34
Sandwich	14	24	31
Falmouth	16	28	7
Smithfield	7	28	15
Vassalboro	22	36	21
Dover	7	25	10
Fairfield	12	39	26
Parsonsfield	6	11	3
Total	117	251	190

Total membership of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight 558.

We adjourn to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Third-day morning the 18th. The Meeting assembled in separate sessions pursuant to adjournment.

Epistle from London Yearly Meeting

39. The Epistle from London Yearly Meeting to this,

was received at this time, and, having been read to our comfort, is referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Report of Com on Temperance. 40. The Committee on Temperance presented their Annual Report, which has been read, and is satisfactory to this Meeting. The Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year, with the exception of Charles W. Goddard and Wm. Jacob released at their own request. The Report is a follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Temperance reports that its members have been actively engaged during the year in the work whereunto they were appointed by the Yearly Meeting. A deep sense of the fact that a crucial hour in temperance refors is now upon the Christian Church, rests with our workers, who, strong in faith, and determined of purpose, wage their peaceful warfare against the liquor traffic. An unusually large number of public meetings have been held by the Committee. Juvenile bands have been organized and sustained, literature distributed, and much work done in the interest of Constitutional Prohibition.

From reports of individual work, we extract the following. A Sister writes "I have secured two lectures on the subject of temperance which were given to large and apparently appreciative audiences. I am now making arrangements for another lecture. I have distributed five thousand pages of pure temperance literature, and several hundred papers; have taken an active part in thirteen public meetings on the subject. I have placed three wall-pockets in railroad stations which I expect to keep supplied with literature of various kinds, including a good, selected assortment of temperance tracts, papers and pamphlets. I have posted several pictures in public places, which have an influence to educate in favor of temperance."

Another worker writes: I have attended our W. C. T. U. perhaps a dozen times, distributed amendment literature not only from house to house with others, but by the way, in the cars and elsewhere. I am sure the amendment campaign was a real blessing to the people in many places and in many ways". A friend whose time is largely occupied with other departments of Christian service has yet found time to hold thirteen children's meetings, has spoken in the temperance meetings, distributed one hundred packages of literature

Report of Com on Temperance Cont^d.

and worked for the amendment.

At Providence Boarding School, a meeting under the auspices of the Committee was held in the Twelfth Month. Able addresses were given by Dr. Phillips of Rhode Island and Miss Gordon of Tennessee.

At Oak Grove Seminary, the Young People's Fellowship Union projected and carried out successfully a public temperance meeting. The strong temperance sentiment which prevails in both these Institution of learning is significant and hopeful.

Much of the work done by the Committee has been along the line of politics, and cannot be reported here. On this point we have simply to urge all Friends who possess the right of suffrage so to use it that the day may hasten when intemperance is no longer a party issue, and the question, forever settled in our nation, is taken out of the political arena.

Your Committee wish to remind the members of our Yearly Meeting how important is the duty of supervising temperance teaching in the public Schools. The best practical results are achieved by conscientious work done with the children; and the teacher who creates among his pupils a sentiment against alcoholic stimulants and narcotics has fought a winning battle with intemperance.

That Friends are not unmindful of their duty to the children in regard to this vital question, the following report will show.

Report of the Superintendent of Juvenile work.

What has been accomplished this year, through the effort that has been made, gives us confidence to believe much greater results could be reached by one able to give more time and attention to the work. A few addresses have been given. Letters have been written, and as opportunity has presented, appeals have been made personally in behalf of the cause. The subject has presented at a Bible School quarterly Conference. As a result; one of the Schools there represented has taken up the work and organized a band.

One Bible School in which no special interest had been manifested, has been convicted that "something"

ought to be done, and consequent action has added two other bands to our list - one in the immediate school and one in a mission. We are grateful for these bands, as we believe in this way emphasis is laid upon the subject, and better temperance teaching and work can be secured than by regular or occasional instruction given in the School. Near the close of the year we called for statistical report by blanks sent to all the Bible Schools. Many of these were not returned. From those that responded we gather that in quite a number of Schools the subject has received marked attention, while in a few it has been entirely neglected. The pledge has been used and literature and cards distributed. One School reports that every member has signed the pledge. The triple pledge has been used among children and youths. One School has held regular monthly meetings throughout the year, with a steady increase in the attendance; also several meetings in adjoining towns. In one of these a flourishing band has been organized. Counting this as one we can report five bands organized this year. Our other bands are in a prosperous condition as far as heard from. Altogether, in the work, there is much of encouragement, as we summarise it, from records sent.

Jennie Allyn.

The distribution of literature continues to be an important part of our work. We feel that it is scarcely possible to estimate the value of this means of public awakening and education. The following is the Report of the Superintendent of Literature.

Number of orders for literature, cards etc -	37.
Pages of literature distributed during the year	65,964,
Cards for Bands of Hope and distribution	670
Triple pledge cards	90
Youth's Temperance Stories (copies)	50
Youth's Temperance Banner (Copies)	6

We hereby request that the Yearly Meeting's Committee of arrangements provide entertainment for Friends attending Yearly Meeting where the State law against intoxicating drinks is not transgressed.

We recommend that this work be

continued under the care of a Committee, and that $200 be appropriated for its use. On behalf of the Committee

Ellen C. Jones, Secretary

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report Temperance Com.

Received from Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. $200.

Payments

Printing, Stationery, Postage and Express	$13.60
Charts	6.00
Workers	70.10
Tracts, books and cards	110.30
	$200.00

Ezra Hawkes,
Treasurer.

Portland, Sixth Month 17th 1889.

Committee on Temperance.

The Committee on Temperance are, For Rhode Island, Charles A. Chace, John S. Kimber, Annie P. Carr, Mary W. Macomber, Augustine Jones;— For Salem, John F. Chase, Mary A. Chase, Charles H. Thorndike, Elizabeth J. Larkin, George L. Crosman, William Wood, Albert N. Peaslee, J. Warren Huntington. For Sandwich:— Joshua L. Macomber, Hannah R. Gifford, Henry A. Slocum, Elizabeth C. Murray; For Smithfield — Abigail Wheeler, Adelaide Wheeler, Oscar F. Moore, Arthur H. Swift, Jennie Allyn: For Falmouth,— Augustus F. Cox, Ezra Hawkes, Alice W. Hawkes, Ellen C. Jones, Edward S. Hacker:— For Vassalboro— Frank T. Jones, Ruthanna H. Nichols Elizabeth K. Jones, Emily S. Weeks, George W. Varney: For Dover— Emeline H. Tuttle, Catherine F. Hanson, Wm. T. Hussey: For Fairfield— Harriet N. Jones, Mary Elma Richardson, Hepsie S. Hoxie, Hannah J. Bailey, Joseph T. Briggs: For Parsonsfield — Joseph J. Cartland.

Adjourned

Adjourned to meet at 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Assembled.

Afternoon, met according to adjournment.

Epistles to other Yly. Mtgs read

41. Epistles to Canada, Kansas, Baltimore, Iowa, Ohio, Ireland and North Carolina Yearly Meetings were now read and approved.

Member of Com. on Finance Appt.

42. The Representatives from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting propose Gideon Wood as a member of the Finance

Members of Com. on Finance appointed.

Committee for this year, in consequence of the absence of their member of the Standing Committee on Finance, and for a similar reason the Representatives from Dover Quarterly Meeting nominate Samuel Buffum to the same service this year, and the Representatives from Parsonsfield propose Silas H. Cartland as a member of the Standing Committee on Finance for that Quarterly Meeting, which meets the approval of this Meeting and they are appointed accordingly.

Care of Friend from British Provinces.

43. The Committee to aid a member of our Society from the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

We have endeavored faithfully to discharge the duties of our appointment, and in so doing the object of our care has been kept comfortable.

We recommend the continued care of this Meeting, with an appropriation of $100.00

For the Committee,

Benjamin F. Knowles.

Portland, Sixth Month, 17th 1889.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for service another year. The Committee are — Benjamin F. Knowles, Hannah J. Bailey, Alfred H. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Rachel B. Nichols, and William H. Beale.

Report of Com. on Western Indians.

44. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report, which has been read, and is as follows, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The work under the care of the Committee on Western Indians has been confined mostly to Indian Territory. This home of the Red Man is three hundred miles long by two hundred wide, it is bounded on the north by Kansas, east by Missouri and Arkansas, south and west by Texas, and embraces thirty-six different tribes, with a population of about Eighty-four thousand. While this territory is so very extensive, all that part of it that lies west of the one hundredth meridian is so subject to droughts that it would be difficult if not impossible for white men to sustain themselves except by herding cattle.

Report of Com. on Western Indians Continued.

From ten to thirty acres are required for the sustenance of one ox, and in some places from three hundred to sixteen thousand acres would be necessary for supporting a family, except along the rivers. It is occupied by wild or blanket Indians. The eastern portion is well adapted to farming. Our work is mostly confined to the Quapaw agency in the northeast corner, and the Sac and Fox agency in the southwest. From the reports of the Associated Executive Committee, we learn that the number of places at which meetings have been held has increased the past year and the membership enlarged. Tracts of land for school and missionary purposes have been made to the meeting at Skiatook and the Ottawas. There has been a gain in almost all directions. More than four hundred members belong to the meetings. Two Monthly Meetings are under the care of Friends, namely: Grand River, which lies in the northeast part, and has had one Preparative and one Meeting for worship added to it during the year. It now has five Preparative Meetings and nine Meetings for worship. Shawnee Town Monthly Meeting lies about one hundred and fifty miles southwest of Grand River Monthly Meeting. It has two Meetings for worship, one at Shawneetown and the other at Iowa station about sixty miles north of Shawnee town. Meetings have been held in twelve different places every First-day, besides several series of Meetings held in different localities.

At one Monthly Meeting twenty applications were made for membership, indicating that most of the converts are making a home with Friends. Bible Schools are held regularly at six different places, enrolling three hundred and eleven pupils. Of twenty two classes, seven are taught by natives. A collection is taken up for missionary purposes. The first missionary work under the care of the Associated Executive Committee in Indian Territory was in the Ottawa nation, and it was carried on by Asa and Emeline Tuttle, where many sons and daughters were gathered into the fold of Christ. These Indians have remained firm in the faith, and having no suitable place for public worship, they appealed to their first missionaries who, realizing their needs, began the arduous task of soliciting the funds. Through the efforts of one of

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our young members of the Committee, $60 were raised, and applied to the building fund, which now reached the sum of $750 (with the exception of $60 above mentioned;) said sum being raised outside the Yearly Meeting. The house will be built this summer; the Indians aiding in its construction by drawing lumber, and other labor. The collection taken up at the last Yearly Meeting enabled us with little addition to appropriate $200. toward the new meeting-house at the Iowa mission, which was completed by the Associated Executive Committee. Fifty dollars has been sent Lizzie Test to repair the missionary cottage at the Iowas. Others have been helped from our treasury. A correspondence has been kept up with the missions. Frank Modoc's son Ellwood writes from White's Industrial School that he has just started to work on the farm, and enjoys it more than he expected; he is doing well. There have been four deaths at Camp Modoc during the Spring. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs in his report says, "The Modoes dress better, farm more intelligently, add to their improvements, keep their houses cleaner, cook their food better, and send their children to school tidier, each succeeding year".

It has been a general impression that Indians are not readily susceptible to missionary influences, but there is no greater popular fallacy. Some of the tribes have been the most teachable and grateful of all heathen nations.

It is believed that no other part of the evangelizing work of the Society has been attended with more obvious spiritual results, than that among the Indians. Yet we have more than Fifty tribes without missionary or teacher, whose claims upon us are great. We are as Jacob enjoying both the birthright and the blessing—they as Esau, stripped of both, and lifting up the voice with an exceeding bitter cry, through us to the Great Father of all, "Hast thou not one blessing for me? Bless me also, oh my Father".

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3.500. We recommend that $525. be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We ask also that the treasury of our own Committee be replenished, not only by a collection to be raised in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee.

Myra E. Frye

Treasurer's Report of Com. on Western Indians

Treasurer's Report

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1888 Sixth Month	Balance of Cash on hand	$11.14
" "	Amount collected in Newport at the Yearly Meeting and soon afterwards	214.03
Twelfth "	From Sandwich Monthly Meeting	20.00
1889 First "	" Dover " "	15.00
Second "	" Westport " "	6.00
" "	" Bolton " "	4.50
" "	" Falmouth " "	22.00
" "	" Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, Hopkinton, R.I.	55.50
" "	" Plainvill Union Sabbath School	4.50
Third "	" Swansea Monthly Meeting	12.00
" "	" Friends of Worcester "	40.00
" "	" " " R.I. Monthly "	10.50
Fourth "	" Providence " "	21.50
Fifth "	" Salem Preparative "	17.00
" "	" Peace Dale	2.50
" "	" Greenwich Monthly "	1.00
" "	" Allen's Neck Sabbath School	5.00
		$462.17

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1888 Sixth Month —	Paid Myra E. Frye for Rachel Kirk	$10.00
" "	" Eliza Walton	10.00
" "	" John F. Mardoc	20.00
Seventh "	" James E. Rhoads, on account of building the School-house for Iowa Indians	200.00
Twelfth "	Paid Joseph D. Wood, for Bible lessons sent to Camp Mocke School	5.00
1889 Second "	" Asa C and Emeline H. Tuttle, on account of building on the Ottawa Reserve	50.00
" "	" Hannah J. Bailey, for account of repairs and improvements of Mission house at the Iowas	50.00
Sixth "	Balance on hand	117.17
		$462.17

1889 Sixth Month.	Balance of cash on hand		$117.17
" "	Appropriations by Com. for Alaska	25.00	
" "	for J. F. Mardoc $25. for C. Jennison $15. for Mary Hall $10.	50.00	
" "	For Emeline H. Tuttle, expenses in travelling in soliciting for building fund	35.00	110.00
Sixth Month 17th 1889.	Balance of account		7.17
			$117.17

1889.

Report of Com. on Western Indians concluded, and they re-appd.

On behalf of the Committee,

Ellen K. Buffum

Treasurer pro tem.

The Report is satisfactory and the Committee continued for service another year, with the substitution of Charles W. Goddard in the place of Smith B. Stone, released on account of ill health, and the addition of Susan H. Meader and Almira B. Buffum.

Members of the Associated Executive Committee William O. Newhall and Anthony M. Kimber.

The Committee are William O. Newhall, Ellen K. Buffum, Augustine Jones, John J. Frye, Myra E. Frye, Joseph E. Briggs, Anthony M. Kimber, Asa C. Tuttle, Emeline H. Tuttle, Anna M. Gove, Hannah J. Bailey, Ellwood G. Macomber, Abbie E. Gifford, Arthur W. Jones, Charles W. Goddard, Leslie Meader, Joseph D. Wood, Samuel Buffum, Sarah Osborne, Emily S. Weeks, Ella L. Andrews, Maria Winslow Mary D. Collins, Edward S. Tucker, Susan H. Meader and Almira B. Buffum.

Representative Meeting appd.

45. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year; which is approved, and they are accordingly appointed, Viz:— Samuel R. Buffinton, Ellen K. Buffum, Phebe S. Aydelott, Benjamin F. Knowles, William O. Newhall, Daniel C. Maxfield, Lydia C. Neal, Gertrude W. Cartland, George Howland, Jr., Joseph Ewer, Ruth S. Murray, Reuben T. Jones, Henry T. Newell, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Elizabeth K. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, William P. Tuttle, Anna M. Hussey, Emeline H. Tuttle, Levi Jones, J. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary C. Hawkes, Charles A. Chace, Augustine Jones, Owen Dame, Lucy R. Goddard, Myra E. Frye, Richard Batley, James C. Inman, Mary A. Batley, Salome C. Wheeler, Eli Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, William A. Jones, Charles F. Coffin, Augustus T. Cox, John J. Frye, Joseph Cartland, Susan Ann Gifford, Susan F. Hoxie, Olney T. Meader, Peter M. Neal, Rebecca D. Ewer and S. Jane Cox.

Report of Com. on Education.

46. The Committee on Education have presented their Report as follows, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education have performed no active service this year. The educational event of the year in our Yearly Meeting has been the reconstruction and reopening of Oak Grove Seminary. Its prospects promise more than ever. We recognize with

Report of Com. on Education Cont^d.

gratitude the generosity of the donors, which makes the future existence of this Institution possible. That they have grace given them to see that it is a good thing to leave such Institutions for the education of children of coming generations. That in sound education of mind and heart lies the hope of the Church, and of social and political society. This example is worthy of imitation. We have expended no money. We recommend the appropriation of the same sum for next year.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee.

Augustine Jones,
Anna F. Hall,
Caroline Jones.

Portland, Maine, Sixth Month 15th. 1889.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year, with the substitution of Rufus M. Jones in place of Charles H. Jones. The Committee are, Augustine Jones, Caroline Jones of Deering, Me., Anna F. Hall, Rufus M. Jones, Ruth-anna H. Nichols, Eli Jones, Myra E. Frye, John Ellwood Paige, Phebe W. Sawtelle, Ruth S. Murray, Gertrude W. Cartland and Sarah Marble.

Com. on Education Cont^d.

Adjourned.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Assembled.

Fourth-day morning the 19th. — The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

Collection taken in aid of Com. on Western Indians.

47. The consideration of the Report of the Indian Committee was resumed, after which a collection was taken in aid of the cause amounting to $132.30, which was directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee.

Delegates present from other religious denominations.

48. Delegates from the late Methodist Episcopal Conference of Maine, and from the Congregational Conference now in session in this City, have brought to this Meeting fraternal greetings from the bodies which they represent.

We welcome and cordially reciprocate these evidences of Christian fellowship from other denominations, and rejoice with them in their work of publishing to a fallen world the glorious gospel of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Delegate from Baptist Church of Portland, Me.

We have also enjoyed the message of Christian sympathy and encouragement from the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Portland. We appoint Eli Jones and Alfred H. Jones to make suitable responses to these messages of love.

Report of Com. on Foreign Missions.

49. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions presents the following report: According to the decision of this Meeting last year, we have severed our connection with the work at Brumana, Mt. Lebanon, and assumed the entire control of the Mission Station at Ramallah, Palestine. It was with much regret that we thus closed up our work with our dear friends of London Yearly Meeting, with whom we have so long labored in much love and harmony. In doing so we can truthfully say, that though we have no connection in management of the Mission work, yet our prayerful interest in the welfare of the two stations is still the same. Your Committee assumed control of the work at Ramallah, Seventh Month 1st, 1888, with Dr. George Hessenen, at the head of the Mission, who remained in that position till Third Month 1st 1889, when he was obliged to return to England, on account of his wife's health. It seems to your Committee, in view of some little difficulties, which had arisen, and the importance of securing the titles of the property, Etc., that some members of the Committee should visit Ramallah.

Early in First Month, three of our number went out, reaching Ramallah in the Second Month, just before Dr. Hessenen and wife left for England. Since then the work has been under the immediate care of some member of the Committee.

At the present time, our dear friends, Timothy B. Hussey and wife are at Ramallah, in charge of the work, and looking after the interests of the Mission. The articles of agreement, making our exchange with English Friends legal, was signed by our delegation, on their way out to Ramallah, in First Month. We have also secured the titles to all the property at Ramallah, on behalf of the Yearly Meeting, and had them properly recorded at the Turkish Court in Jerusalem. An additional building, 19 X 53 feet, has been erected, in which arrangements are made for a laundry, bake-room with oven, general store-room, and stable. Some slight alterations have been made in

Report of Com. on Foreign Missions

the Mission House, so as to accommodate a small Girls' Training Home, until the larger house is built. This has been furnished with the expectation of opening a training school for ten or twelve girls, Tenth Month, 1st, 1889. The Schools now in operation are: one for boys, one for girls, and one mixed school. In these about one hundred and twenty five children are receiving instruction. Since the arrival of our dear sisters Anna and Sarah Hussey, a great improvement has been manifested in the Mothers' Meeting, the number in attendance has largely increased, as is also the interest manifested by the Mothers, in the teaching and instruction which they receive.

Two meetings for worship are held in the village each sabbath, and on First and Fifth-day evenings, a Bible class of about 20 is held, under the instruction of Selim Sardaa, our head teacher in the Boys' School, who is an earnest faithful, Christian man, and an accepted preacher of the Gospel.

Ermina Farquhar, a lady physician of Iowa, having offered herself for the medical work at Ramallah, was accepted by the Committee. We have also secured the services of Huldah H. Brighton for General Superintendent and Matron of the Mission Station. These two sisters will leave for Palestine in about two weeks, and Etta H. Johnston, who has given herself to the work as English teacher, will go out early in the Autumn. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society have assumed the payment of the salaries and expenses of Dr Farquahar and Etta H. Johnston, as their share of the work. In sending them out as our representatives to that distant land, among the people of an unknown tongue, we ask for them the earnest prayers and sympathy of this Yearly Meeting.

The foundation is laid for a grand work at Ramallah, one that shall tell for good upon the poor benighted people of Palestine. Let us, dear friends of New England, give of our means as God has blessed us, backing them up by our prayers, and God will add His blessing to us, and to the work.

The Committee ask that the Yearly Meeting appropriate the sum of $1.000 for the work of the Mission this year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Portland 6th Mo 19th 1889. Charles M. Jones Corresponding Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Committee of New England Yearly Meeting in account with Timothy B. Hussey, Treasurer.

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To paid Dr George Hesseneur	$634.40
" " Expense for London draft	25
" " to Wm C. Allen, Treasurer, in re-payment for amount sent to Ramallah Mission for current expenses	683.20
" " Wm C. Allen, Treasurer, in repayment for sum forwarded for lease of Old Mission House at Ramallah	610.62
" " Express bill on engraved plates of Ramallah Mission	7.28
" " for cablegram from Committee to Dr Hesseneur	3.92
" " " printing Ramallah pamphlets	26.00
" " " Express and postage on "	3.00
" " travelling expenses of one member of the Committee to New York, on account of the Ellen Congdon legacy	16.75
" " Dr Hesseneur	488.65
" " for general expenses of Ramallah Mission	250.00
" " Expenses of one member of Committee visiting Ramallah Mission	750.00
" " for current expenses of Ramallah Mission for second quarter of 1889	978.50
" " Expense for London draft	50
Balance on hand	18.19
	$4471.26

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By cash from Boston Monthly Meeting	$4.50
" " " Smith's neck, So Dartmouth Bible School	5.00
" " collected at Yearly Meeting	192.98
" " from David Kelley and wife	25.00
" " " A. C. Collins	10.00
" " " James O. Inman	50.00
" " " Hopkinton Monthly Meeting	10.00
" " " Joseph E. Briggs	25.00
" " " Hiram Buffinton	10.00
" " " R. H. Smiley	10.00
" " " B. A. Chase and wife	10.00
" " " Samuel R. Buffinton	10.00
" " " Stephen Meader	10.00
" " " Walter Meader	10.00
" " " Levi Jones	25.00
Amount carried over	$407.48

Report of Com. on Foreign Missions Continued.

Amount brought over.	$407.48
By Cash from Paul Wing	2.00
" " " Oliver Meader	10.00
" " " E. T. Prichard	5.00
" " " Azuba Cannon	5.00
" " " Narcissa Jacob	5.00
" " " E. Haviland	5.00
" " " Reuben T. Jones	25.00
" " " Esther Osborne	62.00
" " " two little girls	10.00
" " " Hannah B. Farr	25.00
" " " Edward L. Farr	25.00
" " " Treasurer of Yearly Meeting	750.00
" " " New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	850.00
" " " Charles H. Thorndike	50.00
" " " Chinese Monthly Meeting	1.00
" " " Anna L. Wood	10.00
" " " James H. Chace	50.00
" " " from a Friend	5.00
" " " Timothy B. Hussey	50.00
" " " Gideon Wood	10.00
" " " Lois A. Aldrich, Woonsocket for her Mother the late Thisby Andrews	200.00
" " " Augustus F. Cox and wife	50.00
" " " Sarah M. Evans	3.00
" " " New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	700.00
" " " Allen's Neck Bible School	8.00
" " " Juvenile Band of Woonsocket Bible School	45.00
" " " Sandwich Monthly Meeting	20.00
" " " Hannah J. Bailey Treasurer W. F. M. S.	267.61
" " " Edward L. Farr	50.00
" " " Falmouth Preparative Meeting	12.00
" " " Bolton Monthly Meeting	3.50
" " " Providence " "	60.00
" " " Swansea " "	13.00
" " " Rhode Island " "	18.25
" " " Eli Jones	5.00
" " " Westport Monthly Meeting	6.00
" " " Lynn Preparative "	5.00
" " " Salem " " and Bible School	11.00
" " " from Friends in Worcester	41.00
Amount carried up	$3[illegible] 25.84

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Report of Com. on Foreign Missions Cont'd.

Amount brought up	$3925.84
By Cash from Anna B. Macomber	2.25
" " " Greenwich Monthly Meeting	1.00
" " " Smith's Neck Bible School	5.00
" " " Worcester " "	25.00
" " " Uxbridge	1.17
" " " Portland Meeting	11.00
" " " New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	500.00
	$4471.26

Timothy B. Hussey,
Treasurer.

The report was accepted by the Meeting, and the Committee continued for service another year, with the addition of Robert P. Gifford and Ruth S. Murray.

The sum of $303.01 was collected by voluntary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year, and the said contributions are desired to be made as early as the First Month next year. The Committee are, Eli Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, William Thompson, Susan S. Thompson, George Howland, Jr., Anna G. Wood, Charles M. Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, S. Caroline Tobey, Mary A. Chace, Huldah H. Brighton, Hannah J. Bailey, Addie F. Chace, Eli Jepson, Ezra Hawkes, Alice W. Hawkes, Harriet D. Collins, Eliza Tabor, Eliza P. Varney, Mary W. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Elizabeth K. Jones, Charles A. Chace, Phebe W. Sawtelle, Mabel G. Bailey, Ellwood A. Bailey, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Herbert A. Skinner, Ruth S. Murray and Robert P. Gifford.

Trustees to hold property at Ramallah appointed.

50. This Meeting having been informed that the Deed of conveyance, or title to the property at Ramallah, belonging to this Yearly Meeting, has been duly executed and recorded at Jerusalem in the names of Charles M. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey and Robert P. Gifford, we do now appoint the said Charles M. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey and Robert P. Gifford, trustees, to hold said estate now conveyed, and all other property at Ramallah, which may in future belong to this Yearly Meeting, subject to the direction of this Meeting. And we do hereby ratify the action already taken, with reference to the property at Ramallah.

Report of Com. on Oak Grove Seminary.

51. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary the past year, have presented their Annual Report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee in care of Oak Grove Seminary report that the past year has been a very successful one. The attendance has been better than was expected at the opening of the School year.

Number of pupils at the Autumn Term	102
" " " " " Winter "	97
" " " " " Spring "	94
Total	293

At the opening of the School in the Autumn, it seemed best to the Committee to hold a meeting for worship on First and Fourth day mornings, in Bailey Hall, under the immediate care of the Principal of the School. This arrangement has been much blessed to the teachers and scholars. The religious interest during the year has been exceptionally good, and many among the scholars have found forgiveness of their sins through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time of our last report there was in process of erection suitable buildings for the accommodation of the School. These were completed and furnished in Eighth Month 1888. No expense being spared to make all the appointments of the Institution strictly first class.

The total cost of the new building, furnishing and improvements were about $22,000. At a meeting of the Committee, held at the time of the formal opening of the Institution, on Ninth Month 5th 1888, our dear friend Charles M. Bailey made the following proposition:- That if the Yearly Meeting would increase the amount then in the Treasury to $20,000, to be invested as an endowment fund, the income to be used for the running expenses of the School, he would assume the total cost of the School Buildings and furnishings, and present it free of debt to New England Yearly Meeting.

We fully appreciate this liberal offer, and have taken steps to secure the needed $20,000; $17,000 of the amount is secured, and we hope the Yearly Meeting, taking the same view of this generous offer, will take steps to secure the remaining $3,000.

Our dear friend Charles H. Jones, who has so faithfully and ably acted as Principal of the Institution

Report of Com. on Oak Grove Seminary.

since it came under the care of the Yearly Meeting, in Ninth Month, 1888, expressed his desire to withdraw from any further connection with the Institution, at the close of the school year. The Committee were united in their desire of retaining his services as Principal of the School, but were unable to do so. We were fortunate in securing the services of Rufus M. Jones and wife, who, with a competent corps of assistants, will assume direction of the same at the opening of the School year.

The terms of the School, and rates of tuition will be the same as last year. Catalogues will be issued in a short time, giving full information in reference to the terms and conditions of admission.

All applications for same should be addressed to Rufus M. Jones, Principal, Oak Grove Seminary. Vassalboro, Me.

On behalf of the Committee.

C. M. Jones, Clerk.

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Treasurer's Report.

Receipts

Balance from last year	6,456.67
Received from Maine State Treasurer	600.00
Total amount received by subscription	3,116.69
Amount received from loans interest	98.72
" " " Charles H. Jones for board	2,532.71
	$12,804.79

Expenditures.

Paid Charles H. Jones for current expenses of School	$3,724.45
" for rent of building estate of Ebenezer Frye	64.00
" " freight bill	203.52
" " grading and building well and putting in pump	440.00
" " premium on insurance	500.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer	7,872.82
	$12,804.79

J. E. Briggs,
Treasurer.

Amount of the Sibyl Jones fund deposited in Augusta Savings Bank $574.09

We have examined the foregoing account and found it correct.

C. M. Jones
John J. Frye
Augustus F. Cox

Report of Com. on Oak Grove Seminary accepted and Com. re-appointed.

The Report is accepted and approved by the Meeting, and the Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year, with the substitution of Anna F. Hall in place of Mary W. Jones. Joseph E. Briggs is reappointed Treasurer.

The Committee are Charles M. Bailey, Eli Jones, C. Irving Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Augustine Jones, Joseph E. Briggs Benjamin F. Knowles, John J. Frye, Joseph T. Richardson, Ezra Hawkes, John H. Crosman, Timothy B. Hussey, Arthur Taber, Frank E. Jones, John F. Chase, Alfred H. Jones, Augustus F. Cox, Hannah J. Bailey, Susan T. Thompson, Myra E. Frye, Huldah H. Leighton, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Mary E. Richardson, Harriet L. Hoxie, S. Jane Cox, Harriet D. Collins, Mary Ann Hoxie, Julia E. Winslow, Emma S. Briggs, C. Alice Jones, Mary E. Taber, Sarah Marble, Eliza P. Pierce and Anna F. Hall.

Proposition of Com. on Oak Grove Seminary considered & the Meeting assumes the payment of $3,000

52. The following proposition was contained in the Report of the Committee of Oak Grove Seminary, viz:— "Our dear friend Charles M. Bailey proposes that if the Yearly Meeting would increase the amount then in the Treasury of the Institution to $20.000, to be invested as an Endowment Fund, the income to be used for the running expenses of the School, he would assume the total cost of the School buildings and furnishings, and present them free of debt to New England Yearly Meeting". This noble proposition was accepted by the Meeting, and we assume the responsibility of the $3.000 necessary to complete the Endowment Fund of $20.000. The following named Friends are appointed a Committee to solicit subscriptions for this object, and report to the Representative Meeting, viz:— Phebe S. Aydelott, Olney Tillinghast, Gideon Wood, John Hacker Hall, Isaac Steere, Alfred H. Jones, William P. Jenkins, George B. Wing and Phebe C. Pope.

Adjourned.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions this afternoon at 3, O'clock.

Assembled.

Afternoon.— The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Epistles to other Yearly Meetings read & app.d.

53. Epistles to London, and Western Yearly Meetings, also a joint Epistle to New York Yearly Meeting, and one to Brumana Monthly Meeting, having been read

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ditors Report. 54. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, &c., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz:—

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$1.648.96
For note to Merchants National Bank	981.21
" Book of Discipline sold	50
" proceeds of note discounted at Massasoit National Bank	1,471.81
From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	920.00
" Sandwich " "	1,200.00
" Smithfield " "	200.00
" Falmouth " "	200.00
" Dover " "	140.00
" Fairfield " "	400.00
" Parsonsfield " "	60.00
" Salem " "	680.00
" Vassalboro " "	200.00
Dividend from Eagle National Bank	70.00
" " New Bedford Savings "	24.00
	$8,196.48

Payments.

Expenses of Yearly Meeting at Newport, 1888	$625.00
Printing, copying, &c.	795.39
Committee on Temperance	200.00
Aid of a Friend from British Provinces	100.00
Committee on Bible Schools	75.00
" " Syrian Mission	750.00
" " Freedmen	600.00
" " Western Indians	525.00
" " Gospel Work	300.00
Loan of Merchants National Bank	1,000.00
" " Massasoit " "	1,500.00
	$6,470.39
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	1,726.09
	$8,196.48

come of Income of Boston Meeting House Fund.

ston Meeting Balance from last year	$1,439.44
ouse Fund. Received for Coupons	450.00
" Dividends from Savings Bank;	60.44
	$1,949.88

Report of Auditors Continued.

Paid rent of Wesleyan Hall	$350.00
Balance in Treasurer's hands	1,599.88
	$1,949.88

We recommend that the sum of four thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting, and we nominate Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee
Samuel Buffum.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and Samuel R. Buffinton, is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

55. The Representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in relation to a new apportionment report as follows, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Representatives have conferred together, and are united in recommending that the apportionment of stock be allotted to the several Quarterly Meetings as follows, Viz:—

Rhode Island	24 p. cent
Salem	17½ " "
Sandwich	20 " "
Falmouth	8 " "
Smithfield	6 " "
Vassalboro	5½ " "
Dover	5 " "
Fairfield	12 " "
Parsonsfield	2 " "
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Owen Dame, Clerk

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Which is approved by the Meeting, Women

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Friends concurring.

Report of Com. on Finance.

56. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Finance recommend that the following appropriations be made from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting.

For Associated Executive Committee on Western Indians	$525.00
" Bible Schools	100.00
" Education	50.00
" Foreign Missions	750.00
" Freedmen	700.00
" Gospel Work	300.00
" Peace	25.00
" Temperance	200.00
" Aid to a Friend from the British Provinces	100.00
	$2,750.00

For the Committee,

Owen Dame.

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The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each. The Committee on Finance are for Rhode Island, Samuel R. Buffington; for Salem, Owen Dame; for Sandwich, George Howland, Jr.; for Falmouth, Augustus F. Cox; for Smithfield, Richard Battey; for Cassalboro, William A. Jones; for Dover, Timothy B. Hussey; for Fairfield, Levi Jones; for Parsonsfield, Silas H. Cartland.

Names of Com. on Finance.

Report of Com. on Peace.

57. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee have been deeply interested in the subject of their appointment. Although they have not been directly engaged in holding public Peace meetings, yet some of them have been in the way to encourage others to do so.

Very much good can be done in creating a right

Report of Com. on Peace continued.

sentiment upon this subject, by circulating good Peace literature and in social conversation with our neighbors and others with whom we may be brought in daily contact.

Since our last report there has been no abatement of interest taken by prominent statesmen of Italy, France England, and our own beloved country, in continuing to be actively engaged in enlightening publi opinion, and devising some way to create a High Court of Arbitration, where all international questions, that cannot be diplomatically settled, may be amicably adjusted and thus avoid a deadly conflict upon the battle-field. Never before have so many statesmen, who are moulders of public opinion, been so actively engaged in this subject.

The Peace International Conference, now in session in Paris, is an evidence strengthening our hope that the day may not be far distant when the implements now used to destroy men's lives, and make enemies of nations, will be changed to implements of industry, used to increase man's temporal blessings.

For the Committee,
Benjamin F. Knowles.

Portland, Sixth Month 19th 1889.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for service another year, with the substitution of Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland in the place of Charles H and Elizabeth H. Jones, who are about to remove from our limits. The Committee are Benjamin F. Knowles, Asa C. Tuttle, Samuel R. Buffinton, Eli Jones, Joseph Cartland, Sarah J. Swift, Anna F. Hall, Annie M. Ray, Louisa P. Hoag and Gertrude W. Cartland.

Names of Com. on Peace.

Returning Minute for Henry Stanley Newman appd.

58. The Joint Committee on returning Minutes have presented the following on behalf of our beloved friend Henry Stanley Newman, which is approved by this and the Women's Meeting as follows, viz:—

"To the Monthly Meeting of Herefordshire

Returning min. for H. S. Newman appd.

and Radnorshire, Western Quarterly Meeting, and the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of London Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:

Our beloved friend Henry Stanley Newman very acceptably attended this Meeting. His ministry of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ amongst us has been sound and edifying, to the comfort and instruction of the Church".

The Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Returning min. for approved Ministers attendance on other Yly Meetings.

59. The Clerk is also directed to sign on behalf of this Meeting the following Minute for our friend Seneca H. Stevens, viz:—"Our beloved friend, Seneca H. Stevens, acceptably attended this Meeting bearing your certificate," and similar ones for Mary G. Underhill, Hannah S. Pratt, Daniel Hill, Joseph Moore, Amos M. Kenworthy, Mary J. H. Chappell, John Fry, William Wetherald, Jesse W. Willmore, Phebe E. Johnson, Abby M. Fry and Anna S. Leggett.

Report of Com. to attend the opening Parsonsfield Qty Meeting.

60. The Committee appointed last year to attend the opening of Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting, report that they were all present except one, and that the occasion was one of mutual interest and satisfaction.

Official notice of appointment to service.

61. The appointment of a person as a member of a Committee, and the publishing of it in our Printed Minutes, will be considered official notice of his appointment.

Com. of arrangements appd.

62. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet; which now are or may then be under appointment, viz:—Samuel R. Buffinton, Levi Jones, Thomas Wood, Augustus F. Cox, Robert P. Gifford, Ezra Hawkes, Charles M. Jones, Myra E. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Sarah D. Brown and Susan Peckham.

Minutes to be printed.

63. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the

Minutes to be printed.

Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand two hundred copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Alice Frame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

Closing Minute.

64. Having been favored to meet together once more in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we recognize the protecting care of our Father in Heaven, not only in sparing our lives amid the varying vicissitudes of life, and in the giving of health and opportunity, but also in inclining our hearts to lay aside our business and other pressing cares of life — to meet with our brethren and unite our efforts in transacting the affairs of the Church.

We acknowledge with gratitude, that as we have humbly sought wisdom from above, we have been enabled to transact the business claiming our attention in a large measure of love and unity.

We now conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport, R. I. at the established time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall,
Clerk.

Yearly Meeting Correspondents.

The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting, are
George Howland, Jr., New Bedford, Mass
Joseph Cartland, Newburyport "

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Epistles sent to Yly Mtgs.

Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth Month, 1889.

To London.

Epistle to Lon. Yly. Mtg.

Dear friends.

Your Epistle came promptly to our Meeting and was read with much interest. We are thankful to be thus recognized by you as a branch of the same Christian communion. We gladly respond with a few words to attest our love to you.

It was specially pleasant to have you mention the acceptable service of our dear friends William and Susan T. Thompson. We trust that before this is read by you, these devoted laborers will be safely returned to us, with cheering reports concerning your walk in the truth.

The service of our dear friend Henry Stanley Newman has been remarkably instructive and uplifting. His pure and vigorous mind strengthens that Christian Solidarity which the world needs.

The hand of a kind Providence is making our two countries more and more as one, by means of the speed and safety of ocean travel, and the steady flow of commerce.

We desire that spirituality and truth may go hand in hand with modern activity. May the blessed laws of Christ's Kingdom be more universally applied, under the increasing light and knowledge of the present day. The truest patriot is he who studies to know the will of the Prince of Peace.

A pure and consecrated home life is the fountain head of a nation's power, which flows out through an organized government in blessing to the whole world.

To this let us humbly labor and pray; holding up before the eyes of the world-wide family of our Heavenly Father, that text of prophetic truth, so dear to our forefathers "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be the peace of thy children".

We sympathize with you, as you are called to meet great social questions, which are rising in your midst. May you be clothed with the armor of light.

Perhaps we as a Society may think of ourselves

Epistle to London continued.

as specially set apart of the Lord, to show to the world that there is liberty in Christ, and that the principles which He imprints upon our minds are principles of justice.

"That freedom generous is, but strong
In hate of fraud or selfish wrong"

On this side of the water, we have to face the problem of how to assimilate and train into our ideas of Christian government, the masses who flow to our shores, from the military despotism, and the hopeless poverty of the diverse nations of Europe.

May there be thrown across the sea, from your people, the light of your knowledge, the warmth of your sympathy and the mantle of your charity.

The drink traffic in most of the States of our Union, is still an enormous evil, against which we patiently strive.

We trust that our meeting this year will be productive of good, both by the clear Gospel preaching, and by the interest awakened in the different departments of work.

The Mission at Ramallah, which is now wholly in our hands seems a rather formidable undertaking, being at such a great distance, but we are disposed to recognize it as a field given us of the Lord, in which He will not forsake us.

May the Lord carry on His enlightening work by whatever hands and by whatever methods He may choose.

May He preserve us all from error, guide our feet in the way of active peace, enlighten us by His indwelling presence and finally gather us all into His eternal rest. With love we are your brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

William O. Newhall
Clerk

To Ireland.

Epistle to Ireland.

Dear friends,

Your Epistle addressed to us as your "brethren in Christ", has been welcomed by us. We rejoice that many of us, can by abounding grace, claim this title, as having in our acceptance of Him, become

Epistle to England Cont'd

the "Sons of God", as we contemplate the fact, and marvel at the pitying and long suffering love that sought us and found us, and hearing our cry of penitent anguish, saved us from a hopeless eternity, and gave us redemption's new song, we can joyfully join in the song,

"Oh for a thousand tongues to tell
Our great Redeemers praise".

The recent dreadful catastrophe at Connemaugh lake, sweeping thousands of our fellow beings to instant death, has touched hearts the world over, liberal aid is being poured in upon the sufferers, but God's lesson is to be found in teaching us, whether by flood or fire or by the rifled cloud and the descending judge, our call come, we are to be always ready for our transition and can only welcome eternity as we forgiven and ready in the keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We feel deeply for many of your members, who under the present depression of trade and industry in your land, are very closely tried; for you many prayers ascend that out of present darkness, our pitying Father may bring forth a brighter and better day.

Our dear friend Henry Stanley Newman is with us at this time. On Foreign and Home Mission work and specially in regard to pastoral work and evangelists' duties he has given us much prized information, and his Gospel services have been clear — exalting the glorious Redeemer in the height of His deity — God over all blessed for ever, and proclaiming His precious blood — freely shed at Calvary, outside the gates of Jerusalem, as our ransom and the token of our peace with God.

With love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall
Clerk

Joint Epistle to New York

Joint Epistle of Men & Women Friends to New York Yearly Meeting

Dear friends.

Gathered at this time in our Annual Assembly, we have gratefully to acknowledge the overshadowing of His love who is head over all things to His Church.

Joint-Epistle to New York Cont'd.

The preciousness of Christian fellowship has been realized in the reading of your loving Epistle, and though many of us are personally unknown to each other, yet followers of the same blessed Master, members of the household of faith and unitedly desiring the welfare of Zion, and the promotion of the cause of Truth, we feel we are not strangers, but brothers and sisters in the Lord.

"If any man love me" said our dear Master, "he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him". The test of our love is in our faithful obedience, the glorious result, is the abiding presence of our Lord and his Christ.

We have had the company of many of the anointed messengers of the Lord at this Meeting, and the language of our heart has been, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace xx that publisheth salvation, that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth"!

Reports from our various departments of Christian work reveal unabated interest. The Lord has verified His promise to supply our needs, by calling consecrated laborers into the field at Ramallah, who have responded in preparations to soon depart for that distant land.

Mission work among the Indians in Alaska, and also with the Freedmen of the South, have a large share in our interest and support.

We realize the importance of early storing the mind with Scripture truth, and to this end our Bible Schools receive our careful attention, desiring thus to supplement religious instruction in the home.

The cause of Temperance has suffered a repulse in our borders, but as "faithfulness is success", we are sure, if faithful, that victory will yet be inscribed upon our banners, and this terrible evil no longer menace the welfare of our homes and country.

And now dear friends earnestly desiring your prosperity and growth in the Truth, and that you and we may abound in every

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good word and work, we bid you farewell, and are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall
"Anna G. Wood" } Clerks

To Baltimore.

Epistle to Baltimore.

Dear friends.

Your Epistle of 1888 has come to us acceptably in the line of apostolic advise "to consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works". We welcome your words of encouragement and trust that our mutual greetings may ever continue as "the savor of life unto life".

We appreciate your remarks on "gifts and callings", in the Church, and we have been favored with Gospel ministry concerning these, especially as relating to the position and service of Elders and Overseers.

The Reports of our Committees on Home and Foreign Missions were of unusual interest this year, also that from the Freedmens Institute at Maryville Tennessee, showing a larger attendance of pupils, and a wider influence for good in the increasing number of teachers going out from this school.

Our Syrian Mission has seemed specially near to us, in having with us the company of our dear friend Henry Stanley Newman, who had visited that land, also our friend Charles M. Jones who arrived home from Ramallah a few days since.

The deeper sympathies of Christian hearts extending to the needs of our fellow-men of every nation, and the recent tokens of brotherly kindness which have flowed in from the civilized world to the relief of suffering humanity at Johnstown, Pa., are gladdening signs of the approaching triumph of the Prince of Peace.

We prayerfully look for the special blessing of our Heavenly Father upon the International Peace Conference at Paris, and we are assured that your hearts are vibrating with the same touch of harmony in that direction.

Our Committee appointed last year to consider the call for a Conference of delegates in 1892, have reported that way does not open for this Yearly Meeting to join in

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the same, and their proposition was fully united with. "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant. Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wee pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever, Amen".

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William A. Newhall
Clerk.

Epistle to North Carolina.

To North Carolina.

Dear friends.

Our Heavenly Father has again enabled us to convene as a Yearly Meeting. By his gracious favor we have been given anew to taste of the joys of His salvation.

Our hearts have been melted into contrition and tenderness under the overshadowings of His love and the baptism of His Spirit. Among the blessings that have come to us, the loving and hearty salutations contained in the Epistles received at this time, from other Yearly Meetings, are worthy of being acknowledged.

In reply to yours, we send this, our fraternal greeting. We rejoice that the Master has led you into, and enlarged you in various fields of Christian service; that the work of Home and Foreign Missions is cherished by you; that the work of the First-day School prospers in your hands; that you have faith that the sword will in a coming day be sheathed, and that the nations of the earth will take that dignified position and character with which the religion of Christ our Redeemer would clothe them; that you regard total abstinence from all intoxicating beverages as a cardinal virtue; that the cause of Education is deepening in interest with you.

In all these lines of Christian endeavor, we are in sympathy with you, and are striving to add our quota to that which is for the world's advancement, by the extension of Christ's Kingdom in the earth.

A large Meeting has been held in the interests of

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Temperance, and we still hold to the righteous principle of the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic; and a total abstinence from all narcotics.

With us the work of Home and Foreign Missions is deepening and widening; in both branches of this service our workers are earnest and self sacrificing.

Three young women are soon to go to Palestine, under the authority and auspices of our Foreign Missionary Committee, to labor in that land of promise.

Our Bible School Committee in their report, inform us that a larger number of conversions have taken place during the past year than in any former year.

The Committee on Gospel Work have given a cheering account of the work of grace in connection with their service within the borders of the Yearly Meeting.

The faithful services of several ministers from other Yearly Meetings have been very helpful to us.

In bidding you farewell, we bid you God speed in every good word and work.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to Ohio Yly Mtg

To Ohio

Dear friends.

Our hearts were filled with thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father as we gathered together this year and contemplated the continued expressions of His interest in our Yearly Meeting, and the cause we had assembled to promote.

We recognize, we trust, more and more the blessing that it is to our membership to meet in these Annual Assemblies, and confer together in relation to our work as a branch of the Militant Church, — to look over the doings of God through us during the year passed, and over the white fields of service which He spreads out before us for the year to come. As we engage in the review we are thankful that, the year closed has not been without fruit; and at the same time we are

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reminded that vastly more would have been accomplished had the Lord had His way entirely with us.

We hope to utilize the instruction that our Holy Head in wonderful loving patience has bestowed upon us.

We have with us valued Ministers of the Gospel from several of the Yearly Meetings of our own land, and also our beloved brother, Henry Stanley Newman from London Yearly Meeting.

The messages of these servants of Christ, have been delivered to us faithfully and in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

Our hearts have burned within us as we have heard anew the precious story of our redemption and the uttermost salvation there is through the blood of Christ.

Your loving Epistle we acknowledge, and in reply, it is not for us to picture the future of our own Yearly Meeting or of yours, but this we know, if we walk with Christ and are truly loyal to Him, the fragrance of our fruitage will ascend as sweet incense before His throne, and the greeting that will fall upon our ears will be "Well done".

Very encouraging and interesting reports have been received from the various Committees appointed a year ago, and the work of the year to come has been assigned to Committees again; and besides, all our members have been encouraged to do with their might what their hands find to do, assured that loving service for Jesus will be rewarded.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to Indiana.

To Indiana.

Dear friends.

As we came together this year a deep desire was felt and expressed in our first session, and earnest prayer was offered by concerned brethren that all our gatherings, for business as well as for worship, might be held in the name of the Lord and with the sense of His

Epistle to Indiana continued.

presence; and we believe that such has been their character.

As we listened to the reading of the Epistles from the other Yearly Meetings we were encouraged by the assurance they gave that efforts, attended by the Divine blessing, are being put forth in the various branches of Christian service. Your report of the evangelistic work among you and of the large additions to your numbers, is especially gratifying to us. We gladly record this year a gain, though small, in our membership.

Our prayer arises with yours that all these who join our ranks may "bring forth fruits unto righteousness;" and to that end let us heed the injunction of the Apostle; "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being Lords over God's heritage but being ensamples to the flock".

The Bible School and Evangelistic work and that of Peace and Temperance has been fruitful in good results. A desire has been manifested among us that there may be more systematic organization in these efforts and more individual consecration and faithfulness among all our members. So, we believe, our work may be made still more efficient.

An interesting and profitable Meeting has been held in the interest of societies of Christian Endeavor, and a Yearly Meeting Organization has been formed, called the Young Friends Christian Fellowship Union. We believe that these Unions are calculated to develop and maintain a more active interest in Christian work, particularly among the young.

An increasing interest is manifested in the subject of Missions, both Home and Foreign. Encouraging reports reach us from our new Mission Station at Ramallah. Three talented women, two from this Yearly Meeting and one from Iowa, a physician, are soon to leave our shores to take charge of the Girls Training Home to be opened there in the Ninth Month. Our earnest prayers will follow them; and we feel sure that, under the blessing of God, their work will be productive of great good in that land.

Our Educational Institutions, the Boarding School at Providence, R.I. and Oak Grove Seminary Vassalboro, Maine, are increasing their facilities for usefulness. Since the disaster by fire at Oak Grove

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new and commodious buildings have been erected. The religious interest in both Schools is especially marked. It is becoming more fully realized that no education is complete which does not include spiritual as well as intellectual development.

We have been cheered by the presence of several ministering Friends from other Yearly Meetings; and their services have been in the "demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

Among them were Henry Stanley Newman from England and Daniel Hill and Joseph Moore from your Yearly Meeting.

"Finally brethren farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to Western Yearly Meeting.

To Western.

Dear friends,

Permitted again to meet in our Annual Assembly, and to bow before the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; we remember that of Him the whole family in earth and Heaven is named. That the same loving Father who watches over us in our New England homes, and supplies all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus, is also dispensing unnumbered blessings to you; is guiding your steps along the paths of life, and saying to each hurting child "I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine." And we rejoice with you in the assurance that in His own good time He will gather His children who have served Him lovingly and loyally in the duties of life, from the East and from the West, from the North and the South — "and so we shall be forever with the Lord".

Our hearts were cheered by the information contained in your acceptable Epistle of the blessing which has rested upon you in your different fields of service. May you increase and abound yet more and more in the work of the Lord and share largely in the fulfilment of the prophecy "The wilderness

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and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose".

The attendance at our Yearly Meeting has been large, and a deep interest has been manifest in the various subjects which have claimed our attention. We are glad to report an increase, though small, in numbers, and an increase in religious life and interest, within our borders.

Satisfactory reports from the Committees in charge of Providence and Oak Grove Schools have been presented, and it is cause for thankfulness that many of the pupils at these Institutions have during the past year given their hearts to Jesus and entered His service.

One of the delegates from our Foreign Mission Committee who has visited Syria during the past Winter, has given an interesting report of the work in which Friends are engaged in that Eastern land; and three sisters who feel called of God to the service, are soon to leave their homes and labor in the Mission at Ramallah. Our sympathy and prayers will go with them; and may the prayers of the Church ascend unto God on behalf of all who are engaged in the noble work of lifting the sons and daughters of Palestine from the sin and degradation into which they have fallen during years of Mahometan servitude.

We continue to feel deeply the wrongs which the Indians have suffered at the hands of those who have robbed them of their homes and their hunting grounds, and the work of educating and christianizing them and also of educating the Freedmen of the South are still subjects of deep interest to us.

The fields for Christian labor at home and abroad are indeed white unto harvest, and the laborers are few, our prayers ascend unto the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth more laborers into His harvest. In Christian love we remain your friends.

signed by direction

and on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to Iowa Yly Mtg.

To Iowa

Dear friends.

Another year is numbered with the past and we are

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met again by God's goodness and care in the City of Portland, Maine. In doing this we acknowledge that the mercies of the Lord are new every morning; and are continued to us year by year.

It has been our blessed privilege to feel the overshadowing of Divine Love, whereby we have been enabled to rejoice together and to transact the affairs of the Church in much harmony.

The reading of your valued Epistle has awakened in our hearts a renewed desire that we may all be faithful in the discharge of all our Christian duties.

We have been favored with a goodly number of Gospel messengers from other Yearly Meetings whose labors of love have been strengthening and encouraging to us.

We have also many of our young Friends in attendance who have comforting evidence by their testimonies of their love to God and desires to be His faithful followers.

Our fervent prayers ascend to our Father in Heaven for those who have been constrained by the Holy Spirit to offer themselves for labor as Missionaries in Foreign Lands, and may great blessings rest upon the devotion of these lives to the Redeemer's cause.

We have been greatly comforted by the earnest labors of Friends in the cause of Temperance and Peace and in other branches of Christian work.

The great doctrine held by our forefathers of the direct perceptible power of the Holy Spirit upon the mind of man to lead and guide into all truth, together with our scriptural belief in the spirituality of Divine Worship and accepted by us and held as precious legacies, and we earnestly crave that Friends everywhere may be favored to apprehend and adhere to these truths in all their fulness.

In view of the high calling of the Christian, and of the gracious purpose of the Lord towards His Church, how appropriate are the words of the apostle "What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness."

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and we pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming

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of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to
Canada
Yearly Meeting.

To Canada.

Dear friends.

From across the line which divides two of the greatest nations on earth, we greet you as brethren of the same house hold of faith. National greatness is surely yours and ours, not only in territorial limits but also in true greatness, in civilization, enlightenment and Christianity. And how surely and sadly we are compelled to own greatness in the amount of sin that finds covert in the best of governments.

The boundaries of nations are clearly marked but their future is unknown. We see not the line that divides, but the cord of Christian love that binds us to you in union ever strengthening and limits ever widening. Our consecrated powers are united with yours in the great work of soul winning, the removing the curse of sin from our land, and the world's uplifting.

As in the past we have sympathized in your sorrows, so now we share in your joys. Your report of success in Christian labor at home and abroad has cheered us. We hope and pray your effort to secure to the present and coming generations the excellent educational privileges of the past may be crowned with success. We are cheered by the early consecration of so many of your young people to, and fervent zeal in the great harvest field.

The gift of your worthy brother and sister to a foreign field is one in which we are interested and share in the blessing. But now it is ours to give and to know how much more blessed it is to give than to receive.

Two of our sisters have consecrated themselves to service in Palestine. May the Master's protection, love and blessing rest on them and their work.

The reports from our Home fields show a small increase of membership, of the number of Ministers and of interest and of fruitfulness, in all our various departments. We have been especially favored at this time with the presence and services of several of the Lord's servants from other Yearly Meetings

Epistle to Canada Yly Mtg continued.

including our beloved friends Henry Stanley Newman from England and William Wetherald from your land.

Much harmony has prevailed in our deliberation and the Divine blessing has been manifest in our devotional Meetings and the preaching of the Gospel.

These Annual gatherings are not only seasons of retrospect and repose of the past, but also of plans and anticipations. The future is unknown but we have the blessed assurance that the resources of the Infinite, the power of the Almighty and the wisdom of the Divine, will supply our every need and give us the victory according to His promise. So, resting in His never failing word we bid you farewell and remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,

William O. Newhall
Clerk

Epistle to Kansas Yearly Meeting.

To Kansas.

Dear friends.

We gladly send again our Annual reminder to you of our Christian fellowship and affection. In doing this we thankfully bear testimony to the Lords overshadowing goodness and a continual evidence of His watchful care; while we are humbled under a sense of our needs and have to confess faults and shortcomings.

It is pleasant to think of you as a part with us of a simple organization which we believe to be of Divine ordering for the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom and the promotion of His truth. But above this we pray that we with you may be of that living and spiritual "Church which is His body, the fulness of Him who filleth all in all." With what loving interest does the Bridegroom cherish that world wide body which joins with Him in the self-sacrifice, for the raising up of the children of men into the newness of life with Him.

One of the Gospel Ministers at this Meeting has impressed us in his teaching with the importance of a pure and true and earnest home

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life. This is vital. And can we not make a broader application of this thought by seeing in the Christian family the true type of the Christian Church, and the Christian nation.

Obedient to the blessed Lord "of whom the whole family in Heaven and Earth is named", heeding His corrections and carrying out His wise designs, we may be able to hasten the day which the prophet saw when "all thy children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be the peace of thy children.

He whose name we have sought to honor has refreshed us at this time with a pure Gospel through consecrated lips. He has enabled us by His grace to maintain a substantial unity in our discussions, while we have enjoyed our Christian liberty.

The department of work under our care which has perhaps been more warmly cherished than any other is the education of the children. Although our children enjoy the benefits of good systems of common Schools, we maintain our two Boarding Schools, under excellent management. They seem to be giving that guarded instruction which their founders and benefactors designed.

The School at Maryville, Tennessee, under our care, for the benefit of the colored people is doing the same good work as in the past. A School or Training Home at Ramallah in Syria has been established, and though the difficulties in maintaining it, in that distant land are quite formidable, there seems to be a determination to continue trustfully in that field, into which the Lord has manifestly drawn us.

The Committee on Gospel Work have made an interesting report, under their care meetings have been held for teaching, preaching and Bible exposition. Many conversions and renewals were reported. Much pastoral care was bestowed, and the spiritual growth of our household has been promoted. Henry Stanley Newman of England, has given us instructive information regarding the work of a similar Committee called in that land a Home Mission Board. Such service, under whatever name, ought to be wisely directed and warmly cherished in the family of God.

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We are one with you in your radical views on the subject of Total Abstinence and Prohibition. The example of Kansas in its defiance of the rum power is eloquent for good.

There are other corrupting influences in our beloved land, which are known to you as well as to us. May the Lord be with us as we meet them, and clothe us with his armor of light.

May these our Annual Meetings be a means of blessing to the Christian Church — may all the service of the Church be for the strengthening of a pure and holy life in our individual homes and our humble duties — and above all may we have the assurance that we have a home in the affections of Him who humbled Himself for our sake, who has purchased us unto Himself and who calls us day by day into His rest.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall,
Clerk.

Epistle to Brumana Monthly Meeting.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Brumana on Mt Lebanon.

Dear friends.

As we gather at our Yearly Meeting and listen to the Epistles from our widely scattered Friends of the same household of faith, we feel as if united in a circle of love, as if hand were clasping hand, and as if heart were prompting heart to loving service for the Master who stands in our midst. In this circle, each flock is equally near to the Shepherd and Bishop of souls, and therefore, though you are so far from us in one sense, yet you seem very near when we read your greeting.

It has been thought best for us to leave the oversight of your work at Brumana to our friends in England, that we may give individual help to Ramallah, yet we shall never cease to feel an interest in your Mission field, and in all the departments of your work.

We rejoice that you are beginning to see some fruit of your labors, and earnestly pray that the Lord of the harvest will enable both you and us to continue to sow the seed in faith, and to water it in hope, looking for the

Epistle to Ramallah Monthly Meeting Contd.

increase to Him "who is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think." May the presence of our anointed High Priest be realized in all your Meetings; may the Physician of value give your physicians gifts of healing both for the bodies and souls of those who come to you for help; and may this same Jesus, who declared, "whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in Heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother", give wisdom and strength to the Matron and Teachers of your Training Homes.

We miss very much our friends Timothy and Anna Hussey, whose company we are accustomed to enjoy at this time, and whose services are so helpful, but we are glad that they could spend a little time with you, and also visit Ramallah and bring us tidings from both places.

We shall in the year to come feel a new and special interest in our work at Ramallah, and shall feel bound to it by strong personal ties, since three sisters who are meeting with us at this time, have offered themselves as laborers in that far off field — one, Dr. Elmina Farquhar, is a young physician from Iowa, and the other two go from the State of Maine, where we are now holding our Yearly Meeting.

We are enjoying the company of our friend Henry Stanley Newman from England, and other visiting friends, and we trust that we shall together receive a blessing that will not be confined to the present season, nor to ourselves, but will pass through us as chosen vessels of the Lord, and pass on to others.

And now in bidding you farewell, we pray, that "our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us and given us everlasting consolation, and good hope through grace", may "comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

"William C. Newhall"
"Anna G. Wood" } Clerks

Minutes 1890

Opening Minute

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport R.I., commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 13th, 1890.

Names of Representatives.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting viz:—

From Rhode Island — Samuel R. Buffinton, Obadiah Chace, Henry C. Aydelott, Charles A. Chace, John Babcock, William H. Peny, Augustine Jones, Charles W. Earle, Daniel Meader and Elwood G. Macomber.

From Salem — John Paige, William O. Newhall, John F. Chase, Stephen K. Rogers, Owen Dame, William P. Pinkham, Charles H. Atkins, Thomas Wood, George C. Herbert, Cyrus Jones, Lebbeus Hill, Daniel C. Maxfield, Peter M. Neal and Charles E. Pearlee.

From Sandwich — Edward G. Dillingham, George C. Akin, Joshua L. Macomber, Stephen R. Wing, David Kelley, Gideon Gifford and James E. Gifford. Gideon Wood, George Howland Jr and Arnold S. Tripp.

From Falmouth — Nathan Douglas, Silas F. Shout, John Hacker Hall, Albert F. Minott, Edward C. Jones, John J. Frye, Augustus F. Cox, Charles A. Nichols, Reuben T. Jones and Elijah Cook.

From Smithfield — Richard Battey, Isaac Steere, James O. Inman, Stephen Cartland, William Aldrich, Sylvester S. Aldrich and James G. Arnold.

From Vassalboro — Alfred H. Jones, Caleb Jones, William H. Cates, James C. Pierce, William A. Jones and Linwood W. Jones

From Dover — Samuel Buffum, Albert C. Buffum, Job Varney, William P. Tuttle, William T. Hussey and Oliver Meader.

From Fairfield — Joseph E. Briggs, Isaac Winslow, J. Warren Hawkes, Charles M. Jones and Paul Wing.

From Parsonsfield — John B. Cartland, Joseph Remick and Silas H. Cartland, whose names being called they were present except ten, for the absence of two of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

Representatives present except ten

Ministers from other Yearly Meetings present

3. We have with us at this time the acceptable company of Cornelius D. Barnes, William S. Wooton and Benjamin F. Farquhar from New York Yearly Meeting; John and Sarah W.

Newlin, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; William S. Richardson, Rufus P. King, Fernando G. and Abby F. Cartland from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; J. Walter Malone from Ohio Yearly Meeting; John P. Pennington and Robert W. Douglas from Indiana Yearly Meeting; John Folger from Western Yearly Meeting; Pliny Fry, Gilbert L. Farr, Evi Sharpless and Louisa Painter Round from Iowa Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

mpanions Ministers. 4. We have also the acceptable company of Docia S. Wooton, a Minister, accompanying her husband William S. Wooton; Alice R. King, an Elder, accompanying her husband Rufus P. King; Charlotte M. Farquhar, companion to her husband Benjamin F. Farquhar; Charles B. Douglas, accompanying his father Robert W. Douglas; and Mary C. Fry, companion to her husband Pliny C. Fry, with satisfactory credentials from their friends at home.

m appn on turning inutes. 5. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following named Friends, viz:— George Howland, Jr., Robert P. Gifford, Jesse McPherson, Richard Battey, Joseph E. Briggs and Alfred H. Jones, who are requested to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends and report at a future sitting.

pistles recd. m other Yly eetings. 6. Epistles have been received at this time from Ireland, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings. Those from Ireland and New York have been read, the reading of the others is deferred to our afternoon sitting.

m appd to opose a Com Correspondence 7. We appoint Richard Battey, Augustine Jones, Daniel C. Maxfield, William P. Macomber, Reuben T. Jones, William H. Cates, Wm. P. Tuttle, Paul Wing and John B. Cartland, a Committee to propose at our afternoon sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence.

uctiting Com appd. 8. We appoint William T. Hussey, Charles M. Jones, Silas H. Cartland, Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, William P. Davis,

John Hacker Hall, James O. Inman and William A. Jones a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer.

Com app. to prepare Summary Answers.

9. We appoint William Thompson, George C. Herbert and Alfred H. Jones a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at a future sitting

Yearly Meeting Stock paid.

10. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for last year.

Changes reported in Qtr Meetings.

11. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John R. Godfrey and Hannah A. Shove to the station of Elder, and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Phebe H. Kenworthy, and with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Louisa N. Meader and Daniel Meader to the same station, and in the appointment of two associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; that the afternoon Meeting at Fall River has been discontinued; Mary Alice Gifford, a Minister and member of Rhode Island Mo. Meeting, died 5th mo 6th 1889, in the 48th year of her age, Josiah Chace, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died 4th mo 21st, 1890, in the 87th year of his age, John R. Godfrey, an Elder and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, died 4th mo 13th, 1890, in the 70th year of his age; Edward Buffinton, an Elder, and member of the same Meeting, died 4th mo 27th 1890, in the 78th year of his age; Charlotte D. Holmes, a Minister, and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died 6th Month 29th 1889, in the 61st year of her age.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Alfred Manning and Lydia P. Chase to the station of Elder, and with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of six associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of

Changes in Qts. continued.

Mary B. Swan and Gulielma C. Wood to the station of Elder, and eight associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Alvin Hoag, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died 5th Month 25th, 1889, aged 78 years, 1 month and 6 days; James Hyde, an Elder, and member of Boston Monthly Meeting, died 8th Mo 28th 1889, aged 73 years.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Joseph Wing, an Elder and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died 1st Mo 17th 1890, aged 87 years and 8 months; Josiah Holmes, Jr., a Minister and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died 2nd Mo 24th 1890, aged 77 years and 3 months; that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elizabeth Stetson; that Joseph Ewer has been appointed Correspondent of Sandwich Monthly Meeting in place of Joseph Wing, deceased — P.O. Address, East Sandwich, Mass.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Huldah H. Leighton; Elmira S. Hanson, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died 6th Month 24th 1889, aged 70 years, 3 months and 15 days; that it has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Mary Jane Goddard, and in the appointment of 12 associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Lydia A. Phelps, and with Bolton Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Alice M. Dow.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of 9 associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; with Unity Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Omar G. Hussey, and in the appointment of George W. Varney and Etta M. Varney, to the station of Elder; William H. Cates has been appointed Correspondent of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in place of Thomas B. Nichols deceased — P.O. Address, East Vassalboro, Maine; Thomas B. Nichols, a Minister and member of Vassalboro Mo. Meeting, died 12th Mo 30th 1889, aged 77 years; Eli Jones a Minister and member of China Monthly Meeting, died 2nd

Changes in 2th Mtg continued. Month 2nd 1890, aged 82 years 10 Months and 20 days; Eliza P. Gardner a Minister and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, died 1st Month 3rd 1890, aged 85 years and 6 Months; Gilbert Aldrich an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died 12th Month 13th 1889, aged 68 years.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united in the appointment of Seven associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Tobias Meader, an Elder and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died 11th Mo 12th 1889, aged 84 years and 24 days; Asa Meader, an Elder and Member of the same Meeting, died 3rd month 14th 1890, aged 72 years, 11 mos and 27 days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Arnold B. Gifford to the Station of Elder, and in the appointment of 3 associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; James Sherman, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died 4th Mo 11th 1890, aged 84 years; and that it has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elizabeth A. Church; Christina W. Hamblen, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died 8th Mo 18th 1890 aged 66 years 3 mos and 3 days; Nathaniel Hawkes, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died 1st Mo 15th 1890. aged 68 years and 18 days. The hour of holding the Mid-week Meeting at Winthrop has been changed from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united in the appointment of 8 associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Mt. adjourned. Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Mtg assembled. Afternoon — Met pursuant to adjournment.

Clerks appd. 12. Owen Dame, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William C. Newhall for Clerk, and Daniel C. Maxfield and J. Warren Hawkes for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they were accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

Epistles from Yly Mtgs read & referred.

13. The Epistles from Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings were now read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Com on Correspondence appointed.

14. The Committee appointed for that purpose, presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which is approved by the Meeting, as follows, viz:— Alfred H. Jones, Gideon Wood, Samuel Buffum, William P. Macomber, John Metcalfe, James M. Estes, Stephen R. Rogers, William J. Hussey, Thomas Wood, J. Warren Hawkes, Lebbeus Hill, Charles M. Jones, William Thompson, John F. Chase, Robert P. Gifford, Arthur M. Hussey, William P. Pinkham and George A. Barton.

Statistical Account of Membership

15. The Statistical Accounts, received from our Quarterly Meetings, were now read and are as follows, viz:—

	Number reported last year	Error in last report gain	Error in last report loss	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present Number of Members
Rhode Island	833	0	1	8	15	10	7	14	7	2	0	835
Salem	683	0	14	3	16	33	7	21	1	19	0	702
Sandwich	594	1	0	2	13	2	3	6	1	0	6	588
Falmouth	575	1	0	5	10	6	18	23	9	0	2	573
Smithfield	369	0	0	2	11	5	5	2	6	0	13	356
Vassalboro	502	0	0	3	10	0	1	7	1	0	2	500
Dover	217	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	6	211
Fairfield	531	0	0	5	11	5	1	21	3	16	0	547
Parsonsfield	159	0		1	6	0	7	9	0	0	3	156
Total	4463	2	15	29	96	61	49	103	30	37	32	4468
Net gain										5		

Statistics of Children

Statistics of Children

	Number of Children between 4 & 21	Number of Children between 12 & 21	Number attending School	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends
Rhode Island	136	85	101	18
Salem	105	70	78	10
Sandwich	78	38	44	13
Falmouth	108	53	79	13
Smithfield	32	14	23	1
Vassalboro	68	33	54	21
Dover	17	10	13	0
Fairfield	51	34	46	6
Parsonsfield	30	17	25	2
Total	625	354	463	84

No of children attending school taught or controlled by Friends.

The Meeting directs that the following be added to the list of questions asked, viz:— How many children, between the ages of 12 and 21, attending school taught or controlled by Friends?

Freedmen's Report.

17. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South have presented their Annual Report; together with the report of the condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Manville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, William P. Hasting. The Committee is continued for service another year, with the exception of our late dear friend Benjamin F. Knowles, and the addition of Augustine Jones, James O. Inman and Elizabeth T. Larkin. The Report is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting;

In presenting our Report of Manville Institute this year, we realize the absence of our dear friend Benjamin F. Knowles, whose oversight of the Institution since its beginning enabled him to speak clearly to us of its condition and needs.

We believe the good work was never more appreciated by its patrons, as shown by the increased attendance over previous years.

Our financial statement is delayed, but it can be completed at an early date from accounts and vouchers of Benjamin F. Knowles and forwarded to the Representative Meeting. In addition to his benevolence of former years, we are informed that Benjamin F. Knowles has made the Institute his residuary legatee, but as the income from this legacy may not be available before another year, we hope the Yearly Meeting will continue its financial aid to this important work, and under the care of a Committee as heretofore.

On behalf of the Committee

Robert P. Gifford

Newport, Sixth Month 13th 1890.

Report of Freedmen's Normal Institute

Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute.
To the Yearly Meeting.

It will be observed in the following Statistical Report that we have had, during the past year, a much larger attendance than usual, and it may be further stated, that at our Sabbath Schools and Meetings for worship, the attendance has been correspondingly large.

The subjects of Peace and Temperance have been kept before the students, not only in our regular meetings, which are held twice a week, but also in the school work on all proper occasions.

Through the liberality of friends, especially interested in these reforms, we have been able to distribute a large amount of literature among the students and other attendants of our Sabbath School. The general effects of these efforts have manifested themselves in the literary productions of students from time to time, so that we have reason to believe that the work is still being blessed.

The interest in the usual daily Scripture Readings, with devotional exercises, was very much increased by a visit from Mary A. Maniage Allen, of England, who established a Home Mission Workers Union among the students. This society requires of its members, total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors and tobacco, and a system of daily private reading of the Scriptures is to be complied with.

A visit from H. Stanley Newman, of England, awakened much interest in the Foreign Mission work and the Peace cause.

Statistics

Number of days taught	192
Whole number enrolled	230
Average number belonging	143.8
Per cent. of attendance	83.5
Number of boarders in the buildings	79
Number of teachers in the Training Class	105
Number teaching in different States (estimated)	170
Number taught by former Students "	8500
Number reading from books	225
Number studying arithmetic	221

Statistics of Freedmen's Normal Institute Continued.

Number studying English grammar	190
" " Geography	98
" " English Composition	184
" " General history	2
" " History of England	2
" " " " United States	19
" " Physiology	16
" " Book-keeping	16
" " Scientific Agriculture	20
" " Natural Philosophy	3
" " Algebra	19
" " Geology of Tennessee	24
" " English Literature	10
" " Geometry	3
" " Latin	7
" " Greek	1
" " Moral Science	1
" " Psychology	2
" graduated in the Elementary course	9
" " " " Teacher's advanced "	1

It is a source of gratification to feel that Providence has continued to bless the efforts of Friends in their endeavors to assist in the up building of a benighted people, through the instrumentality of the Freedmen's Normal Institute. The past year has been a successful one, beyond precedent, in the history of this Institution, so far as the extended influence and efficiency of the School may be considered. Though so much has been accomplished in the past year for the true civilization of the colored people, yet it must be remembered that the means used, so far, have been inadequate to their needs.

The larger number of their common schools are still managed by persons who are scarcely able to read understandingly, and who, being untrained, are so unskillful as to do about as much mischief as they do good.

It is true that each year witnesses a larger number of trained teachers in the field, but it is also true that the colored population is rapidly increasing. The immense number of illiterate voters in our

Report of Freedmen's Normal Institute Cont.

country still continues to be a menace to our Republic. Each year shows an increase in crimes committed in those sections of our country noted for their illiteracy, Ignorant voters elect corrupt officials, whose laxity in the administration of justice encourages the criminal classes, and thus material, as well as moral progress, is hindered, and the work of the Christian Church is blocked and hedged in with difficulties easily overcome among an intelligent people.

In some of the Southern States the whites seem to have become discouraged in regard to the capacity of the negro. This has been manifested by recent legislation, especially in the States of Mississippi and Virginia.

Let us, then, who believe that "God is no respecter of persons", and that Christ died for all mankind, "be up and doing", for our country's sake, for the sake of humanity and for Christ's sake.

Respectfully submitted
William P. Hastings,
Principal

Freedmen's Committee

Freedmen's Committee

Charles F. Coffin, Joseph E. Briggs, Robert P. Gifford, Gertrude W. Cartland, Hannah J. Bailey, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Augustine Jones, James O. Inman and Elizabeth T. Larkin.

Report of the Trustees of George Sturge Fund —

18. The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is as follows, viz:—

"The ninth annual report of the Trustees of the George Sturge Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting.

Receipts

Balance from last year	$1,676.62
Coupons paid 7th Month, 1889.	727.50
" " 1st " , 1890.	727.50
Interest on deposit, 6th mo 11th 1890	58.37
	$3,189.99

Expenditures:

Assisting 24 students, Fall Term, 1889.	$424.76
Box in R. I. Safe Deposit Co	1.00
Assisting 73 students, Spring Term, 1890.	221.68
Amount carried over	2,656.64

Report of Trustees of Sturge Fund continued

Amount brought over	$2,656.64
Balance for new account	533.35
	$3,189.99

On behalf of the Trustees
Samuel R. Buffinton.
Augustine Jones.

Sixth Month 13th, 1890.

Vacancy in board of Trustees of Sturge Fund filled

19. To fill the vacancy in the board of Trustees occasioned by the decease of our friend Benjamin F. Knowles this Meeting appoints James O. Inman, Women Friends concurring.

Bequeath of B. F. Knowles to Maryville Normal Institute—

20. Our late dear friend Benjamin F. Knowles of Providence, Rhode Island, by his last will and testament has bequeathed to this Yearly Meeting, certain property in trust for the use and benefit of the Freedmens Normal Institute, located at Maryville, Tenn. And in said will he has directed that this Yearly Meeting shall appoint Trustees to invest and manage said property subject to this Yearly Meeting, and has further nominated the first Trustees to be so appointed as follows; Samuel R. Buffinton, Augustine Jones, Owen Dame, James O. Inman, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ellen K. Buffum and Susan T. Thompson. This Meeting hereby accepts the said Trust and appoints the said persons as Trustees of said property according to the provisions and directions contained in said will.

Trustees of the Sturge and Knowles Funds.

Trustees of the Sturge and Knowles Funds are Samuel R. Buffinton, Augustine Jones, Owen Dame, James O. Inman, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ellen K. Buffum and Susan T. Thompson.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock in joint session.

Seventh-day morning the 15th. The Meeting assembled, pursuant to adjournment, in joint session.

Representatives called.

21. The Representatives being called were present except seven.

Proposition from Kansas Yearly Meeting

22. A "Proposition for the organization of a United Meeting of the Friends Church," received from Kansas Yearly Meeting, was now read, and being considered, it was the united judgment of this Meeting that we decline to join in said organization, and the Clerk is directed to append the conclusion of this Meeting to the Epistle, which may be sent to Kansas Yearly Meeting this year.

Providence School Report

23. The Committee having charge of Providence School, presented their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

Again, and yet again, the Committee, having in charge Providence School, presents to the Yearly Meeting a resumé of its movements for the year now about to close. While there has not been any occurrence or change of special importance to note, yet we are gratified in being able to say, that everything has progressed in a very smooth and agreeable manner, the family has been preserved in a remarkable degree of health, and great harmony and unity have prevailed.

The religious character of the School, which has been so favorably reported for several consecutive years, has continued with increasing interest; and embraces within its refining and elevating influences, a large portion of the students.

The average attendance has been, boarders 132, day students 31, total 163.

The Officers of government and instruction have been:
Augustine Jones, A. M., LL. B., Principal, and Political Science.
Frederick Daggett, A. B., Governor, and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess, and English Studies.
Bessie T. Wing, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A. K., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Walter S. Meader, A. M., Higher Mathematics.
Frederick H. Howard, A. M., Greek & Latin.
Sylvester Primer, Ph. D., Modern Languages.
Clara A. Winslow, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Edward F. Robinson, A. M., Latin, and in charge of School-room.

Providence School Report continued.

Lucy J. Hawkes, Primary Room.
Mary L. Furnum, M. D., Physiology.
Robert Bonner, Instrumental Music.
Clara E. Rawson, Calisthenics for Girls.
Edward F. Robinson, A. M., Secretary and Book-keeper.
Annie E. Ewer, Librarian.

Lecturer.

Thomas J. Battey, Natural Science.

The Auditors Report for the year ending Seventh Month 1st 1889, is as follows:—

Receipts.

From Charitable Scholarship Fund,	$2,485.30
" E. Fry Fund,	1,500.00
" General Scholarship Fund.	7,630.73
" Board and tuition,	31,507.25
" Auxiliary studies, use of pianos, etc	3,654.56
	$46,777.84

Expenditures.

For Salaries	$16,000.35
" Wages	9,226.46
" Provisions	9,831.66
" Advertising	834.29
" Repairs and Renewals	3,179.35
" Library	258.34
" Water	477.61
" Fuel	1,685.12
" Light	984.77
" Papers and periodicals	42.84
" Incidentals	207.60
" City Tax	2,994.25
" Improvements	834.53
" Debts considered bad	271.33
" Profit on the year's work	3.34
	$46,777.84

James H. Chace,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Robert P. Gifford,
James O. Inman,
} Auditors

Olney Street, which bounds the School premises on the North having been broadened to 60 feet in

width, has made a very decided improvement to that part of our grounds, which, with a great change in the facility for reaching the part of the City in which the School is located, has already stimulated the building of houses in that section, and may result advantageously to the School.

In the Sixth Month, 1888, the Yearly Meeting changed the tenure of the Providence School Funds, from the care, in general, of a single Treasurer, to a Board of three Trustees; and as the change has not worked well in practice, the School Committee now recommends to the Yearly Meeting to return to the custom pursued for so many years, of appointing a Treasurer, having reference in the selection of such Treasurer, to a person residing conveniently near to the School. And the Committee further recommends to the Yearly Meeting, to re-enact the minute, No 17. of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of 1882.

We have to report the recent death of one of our number, Benjamin F. Knowles, who died on the 18th of Fifth Month. By his removal the Committee loses an esteemed and valued member, whose promptness in attendance upon our Meetings, and whose interest in the School are alike worthy of commendation and of imitation.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the School per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a Member of any other Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same Fund, of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75.00.

The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German of $10.00; for one year's instruction in pencil drawing, $15.00; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.00.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except, when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one-half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

With gratitude and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the many mercies and blessings vouchsafed all through the year, we conclude, again commending the School to the

Providence School Report continued

kindly care and consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee

George Howland Jr., Clerk.

Providence, R.I. Sixth Month 3rd 1890.

Note — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 10th 1890. The Spring Term begins Second Month 4th 1891, and ends Sixth Month 23rd 1891.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 12th, 1890.

Applications should be sent to The Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R.I."

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee of last year, with the exception of Benjamin T. Knowles, deceased, and the addition of Charles Sisson, is continued for service the ensuing year, viz:— Charles F. Coffin, George Howland, Jr., Timothy B. Hussey, Samuel R. Buffinton, Richard Bailey, James H. Chace, James C. Inman, Peter M. Neal, Augustus F. Cox, Robert P. Gifford, J. Warren Hawkes, William O. Newhall, Isaac Oscar Winslow, Daniel C. Maxfield, John J. Frye, Olney T. Meader, Charles Sisson, Ellen R. Buffum, Hannah G. Bailey, Rebecca A. Sleere, Anna G. Wood, Deborah W. Crosman, Elizabeth H. Austin, Sarah F. Tobey, Esther Jones, Caroline C. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, Lydia C. Neal, Ruth S. Murray, Alice W. Maxfield, Anna M. Hussey, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Sarah Marble and Huldah H. Leighton.

Names of Providence School Com.

Report of Real Estate Com.

24. The Real Estate Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting last year in connection with the Providence School, presented their Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

Since our appointment in Sixth Month, last year, we met in Providence Sixth Month 25th, 1889, and appointed Robert P. Gifford, Clerk, and approved the sale of additional land to Josephine E. Potter, to make the lot granted to her one hundred and fifty feet square.

We met Seventh Month 16th

port of Real Estate Com. continued.

1889, and appointed Samuel R. Buffinton Custodian of Real Estate Securities and Funds while our transactions were being completed, after which the net proceeds were to be forwarded by him to the Treasurer of the School Funds. At this Meeting, we also approved the previous sales of land and made correct record of deeds to Josephine Rathbone, 6457 17/100 square feet and to Josephine E. Potter, 22500 square feet.

We met Eighth Month 5th 1889, and approved and recorded a communication to the Representative Meeting, relating to the O'Connor property, so called.

We met Eighth Month 20th, 1889, and recorded the instructions received from the Representative Meeting, and approved the sale of 20,500 square feet of land to Mary Althaus, including the house and lot previously purchased of Timothy O'Conna, and made correct record of deed to said Mary Althaus.

Financial Statement.

Receipts

Received for Josephine Rathbone lot	$3,452.58
" " Josephine E. Potter "	10,523.75
" " Mary Althaus house and "	15,793.34
" " Interest 2nd Mo 1890 on Mortgage note	390.00
" " " 5th " " 1890 " one " "	15.00
Total	$30,174.67

Expenditures.

Forwarded to Owen Dame, Treasurer, in cash remittances, when funds were received in total amounting to	$18,700.00
Mortgage notes on hand	11,000.00
Expenses	283.02
Cash on hand with Custodian	191.65
	$30,174.67

Robert P. Gifford
Clerk of the Committee

Newport Sixth Month 13th 1890.

The Report is approved, and its transactions ratified by this Meeting, and we now appoint James H. Chace, Samuel R. Buffinton, James O. Inman, Robert P. Gifford and Charles Sisson, a Real Estate Committee for the ensuing year.

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Adjourned to meet in joint Session at 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

Proposition from R. I. Qr Mtg

25. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting requests that this Meeting take under consideration the subject of a new apportionment of stock for the several Quarterly Meetings, which is referred to the Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

Proposition from Salem Qr Mtg

26. A proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting of Men Friends is referred back to that Meeting on account of its not having the concurrence of Women Friends.

Manner of raising money for Missionary purposes etc

27. This Meeting concludes to take under careful advisement, the subject of the manner of raising money by the Yearly Meeting, with a view of affording relief to such of our members as feel that the Yearly Meeting ought not to assess the subordinate Meetings for funds other than those required for the actual expenses of the Yearly Meeting; leaving all moneys for Missionary and charitable purposes to be raised by voluntary contribution; and refers the same to the Representatives for consideration.

Propositions from Vassalboro and Fairfield Qr Meetings

28. Vassalboro and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings request as follows, viz:- "We are united in asking that the Yearly Meeting be held in Portland, Maine, in 1891," which is united with by this Meeting, and we conclude to meet in Portland, Maine, next year.

Temperance Com Report & a Com appt to prepare a minute on Temperance & Tobacco —

29. The Committee on Temperance presented their Annual Report, which has been read, and is satisfactory to the Meeting. We appoint William Jacob, Elizabeth J. Larkin, William S. Macomber, Zephaniah Breed, Hannah J. Bailey and Mary C. Baylies a Committee to prepare a minute to be placed upon our records, showing the attitude of this Meeting upon the important subject of total abstinence from the use of both intoxicants and tobacco, and present it at our next sitting. The same Committee is charged with the duty of nominating a Temperance Committee, and report at a future sitting.

Report of Com. on Temperance.

Report of the Committee on Temperance.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We regret that some of our Committee have done little definite work in this important branch of Christian service the past year. Many of these, to whom this work is dear, have been prevented by other Christian Work, by protracted sickness and other uncontrollable circumstances. But we believe a good work has been done by a part of our number who have endeavored to be instant in season and out of season to do whatever their hands have found to do with all their might.

A very impressive lecture was given at Friends School Providence, last Third Month. The subjects of Temperance and Tobacco are constantly kept before the School and with gratifying success.

By the efforts and partly at the individual expense of one worker, who has been unsparing of money as well as time to support and promote the work, thirteen lectures, some entirely, and some partly, on Temperance, have been given within the limits of our Yearly Meeting, also three prizes for best Temperance essays have been given to the students of Maine Wesleyan Seminary, at Kents' Hill Maine. The public press has been used to some extent in the prosecution of the work, and petitions asking for legislation have been circulated, and personal letters have been written to Members of Congress soliciting their influence, several of which received courteous response and desired influence was great. This worker, also, by consent of the Executive Committee, offered prizes for three best Temperance essays at Oak Grove Seminary. A number of essays showing marked ability and research, were written, and the prizes, awarded by competent judges, were paid by our Treasurer Commencement Day. The prizes were all won in both Schools.

A service is conducted one Sabbath, monthly, on on Temperance and Tobacco and their kindred evils, by two of our number, at the New Hampshire State Industrial School. "We think this work has been effective, and some of the good seed sown on these one hundred and twenty five receptive hearts will bring forth good fruit."

In Lynn Bible School, Sewell's Charts are used.

Bolton reports a Band of Hope, with Monthly Meetings, using J. Coleman's Catechism and various Temperance

Report of Com on Temperance Continued.

exercises. Quite an interest manifested. Some Temperance organizations in town in which Friends work.

At Lawrence a public Temperance meeting is held every three months, and the subject kept before the Bible School by repeated talks. Some have signed the pledge. "There is a deep interest to root out the evil."

In some localities Gospel Temperance meetings are held weekly, where many have signed the pledge and in other places Temperance organizations of some kind are conducted partly or wholly by our workers, while some Bible Schools hold a Temperance School once a quarter. On reports increasing interest and numbers; seventeen have signed the pledge, making a total of eighty-two. Two Bands have been organized in other towns, and other work done with some success in suppressing the sale of intoxicating drink.

Your Committee have not been unmindful of the quiet but powerful means for good the distribution of literature. Many thousand pages have been used by some of our active workers, while others, unable to engage in other departments, have been diligent to let no opportunity pass without fulfilling the mission of their appointment, and in many instances have created opportunities for work. Temperance papers tracts, leaflets and cards, have been distributed at New Hampshire Industrial School, at a free reading room, at railroad depots, on trains and through the mails.

One member has sent a prohibition paper to twenty five individuals for six months at his own expense, and some other individual work has been done by pen and tongue. Others have supplied themselves with literature, so that all such work done does not appear in the following Report of the Superintendent of Literature.

No. of orders received	20
No. of pages	28,066
No. of Cards	886
No. of triple pledge cards	25
No. of "Youth's Temperance Stories"	25
No. copies of "Olive Leaf"	25
No. copies of "Youth's Temperance Banner"	10

In the Juvenile Department we cannot report definitely of the work done, but from reports received we feel

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safe in saying that this most important part of the work is progressing. The children are being taught in various ways where there are not organized Bands. We earnestly desire that this ever needy and most hopeful field of labor may receive more attention from parents and all Christian workers. We recommend that this work be continued under the care of a new Committee, and that $200. be appropriated for their use.

R. H. Washburn,
Secretary.

Newport, Sixth Month, 1890.

Treasurer's Report

Received of Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer	$200.00
Paid J. F. Chase Superintendent of Literature	$50.00
" H. J. Bailey, Lecture at Providence School	24.00
" " " ", Essays at Oak Grove School	9.00
" Expenses of workers	7.00
" for Literature for First-Day Schools and general distribution	100.00
" Printing and Stationery	3.54
" Cards	1.50
" Postage and express	3.09
Balance on hand	1.87
	$200.00

Ezra Hawkes Treasurer Temperance Com.

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30. The Committee to aid a member of our Society from the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee having care of the Friend from the British Provinces, report that they have given all necessary attention to the object of their appointment. This dear friend is nearly ninety six years of age, is comfortable in health, is very cheerful and happy in Christ, and truly grateful for the care and assistance of his friends. We would recommend that an appropriation of $125. be made for his comfort and support the ensuing year, the appropriation of last year being insufficient.

On behalf of the Committee
Alfred H. Jones
Hannah J. Bailey

Newport, R. I. Sixth Month 13th. 1890.

Report of Com to aid a Friend from the British Provinces Continued

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and Alfred H. Jones, William H. Beale and Hannah J. Bailey are continued a Committee for further service another year.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning, at 10 o'clock in joint session.

Second-day Morning the 16th. — The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

Request rec'd from Dover Quarterly Meeting.

31. The following request is received from Dover Quarterly Meeting, viz:— "This Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting as to what action shall be taken in reference to our members who are residing in places unknown to us," which is referred to the Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

Com appd on acct. of bequest of Sarah N. Pope Dixon.

32. In the matter of the bequest to this Yearly Meeting in the last will of Sarah N. Pope Dixon, of England. As there are doubts about our legal right to such bequest, we appoint Augustine Jones and Robert P. Gifford to represent this Meeting before any court for us, and in our behalf to prosecute or settle our claim to said bequest as in their judgment shall seem best.

Report of Com on income of the Mosher Fund.

33. The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee is continued for service another year. The Report is as follows, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund would report, that in response to the desire on the part of some of the members of the Yearly Meeting, that the "Book of Discipline" be distributed, two hundred copies have been purchased for that purpose.

The four hundred copies of "Ten years in Abyssinia", or Autobiography of Theophilus Waldmeier ordered by your Committee of last year from the New York Book and Tract Society, have been received, and in addition to their wide circulation, care has bee exercised that our Bible Schools should be sup-

Report of Com. Mosher Fund continued.

plied with the work.

The distribution of "Friends Review" has been continued, one hundred and ninety-seven copies having been subscribed for; in many homes where it could not otherwise have come, this weekly visitor has been very welcome.

To assist in printing in the Spanish language some of the writings of Friends, and in their circulation in Mexico, $100. was sent to Samuel A. Purdie.

On behalf of the Committee,
Alfred H. Jones,
Sarah Marble.

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 16th 1890.

H. H. Mosher Fund.— Treasurer's Account.

Receipts

Balance from last year's account.	$409.52
Received from Trustees	500.00
" " Savings Bank, interest	5.48
	$915.00

Payments.

Sample books and postage on same,	$5.10
200 copies Book of Discipline.	100.00
400 " Autobiography of Theo. Waldmeier	294.23
119 " Friends Review, Subscriptions,	295.50
Cash forwarded to Samuel A. Purdie, Mexico,	100.00
Express-postage etc	10.75
	$805.58
Balance to new account	109.42
	$915.00

J. E. Paige Treasurer

Lynn, Mass., Sixth Month 9th 1890.

The Committee on income Mosher Fund are Alfred H. Jones, John Ellwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ruth S. Murray, Esther Jones, J. Warren Hawkes and Sarah Marble.

Report of Trustees of Mosher Fund.

34. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The income of the Mosher Fund for the past year has been,

From city of Boston Bond	$500.00

Report of Trustees of Mosher Fund continued.

Amount brought over	$500.00
From New Bedford Institution for Savings	36.90
" Lynn " " "	88.22
	$625.12

There has been paid from Income,—

To J. E. Paige, Treasurer of Book Committee	$500.00
Added to Capital	125.12
	$625.12

The Fund is invested in

City of Boston Registered Bond, due in 1905	$10,000.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	950.87
Lynn " " "	2,272.51
	$13,223.38

All in the name of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

For the Trustees

C. F. Coffin, Trustee.

Lynn, Mass., Sixth Month 10th, 1890.

Note.— The New Bedford Institution for Savings last year paid an extra dividend, which is the reason for less income this year.

For several years a portion of income has been added to the capital, to make good the premium paid for the Ten Thousand Dollar City of Boston Registered Bond. The amount paid for that premium is now made good to the capital, and perhaps something over, so that, unless the Yearly Meeting orders otherwise, the whole income will be payable to the Publishing or Book Committee hereafter.

Temperance Com. App'd.

35. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following-named Friends to constitute a Committee on Temperance the ensuing year, which is approved, Viz: Augustine Jones, M. Augusta Battey, Annie B. Macomber, Charles A. Chace, William Jacob, John F. Chase, Elizabeth T. Larkin, George A. Barton, William Wood, Alice W. Maxfield, Joshua L. Macomber, Hannah R. Gifford, Mary C. Baylies, Gideon Wood, Abigail Wheeler, Jennie Allyn, Adelaide Wheeler, Oscar G. Morse, Samuel Wheeler, Augustus T. Cox, Ellen C. Jones, Lina Lund, Frank E. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones, Rufus M. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, William T. Hussey, Emeline H. Tuttle, Samuel Buffum

Temperance Cons. continued — Hannah J. Bailey, Martha B. Osborne, I. Warren Hawkes, George B. Wing, Lydia A. Cartland, Elizabeth H. Cobb and James Cartland.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.— The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

Memorial Service — 36. The first hour of this session was occupied by a Memorial service on behalf of beloved Friends who have been called during the past year, from works to rewards. We miss their familiar forms, their wise counsels and loving words; but we rejoice that their record is on high, and we trust that their mantles will fall upon young and consecrated workers.

Report of Com. on Foreign Missions — 37. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,— The duty of bringing before you a report of work accomplished at the "Eli and Sybil Jones Mission Home", at Ramallah, Palestine, has become a pleasure at this time, because of the large amount of earnest; thorough Christian effort which has been so successfully put forth there during the year past, by faithful hearts and busy hands.

Huldah H. Leighton has sent in to us her report of the Mission, and to it very little can be added, for she says;

In presenting to you our first report of the work of this Mission, we desire to return thanksgiving and praise to our kind Heavenly Father. He has, we believe, guided our footsteps to these shores and ever since led us in pleasant paths among this people. Notwithstanding our many shortcomings and failures, we can truly say the outlook is encouraging.

The field before us is wide and varied in its character; and the work calls for much patient perseverance and watching unto prayer. As we learn to trust our blessed Master and come often to Him for wisdom and guidance, He never fails but we find Him a "present help in every time of need."

Report of Com. on Foreign Missions continued.

At the beginning of the new year, we were favored with a visit from our dear friends Ruth S. Murray, William and Susan T. Thompson, who were a great help to the Mission Spiritually and financially. Their gospel services, Bible talks and loving words of cheer and encouragement will ever be remembered by us all.

Our Meetings on First-Day mornings are regularly held and well attended. We believe them to be usually times of spiritual blessing. It is a beautiful sight to see the large number of children, from the Out Schools seated on the floor in front of the desk each Sabbath orderly and quiet, and listening eagerly to all that is said to them.

Bible Class is held each Sabbath evening in the class room at the Mission building. Usually the room is full to overflowing. Salem Saadi takes charge of this meeting to the satisfaction of all.

Sabbath Meetings in the afternoon were held in the Western school-house among the Greek population, until the rainy season commenced, when they were discontinued. They have now again been started. May God's blessing rest upon efforts being put forth in this direction, and turn these people from their quarrels and fightings to peaceful, orderly lives.

Sabbath School work among the Training Home girls is carried on regularly. Already they have a good knowledge of Scripture, and their lives show results of Christian training. At first they had little or no Scripture knowledge. The study of the Bible now occupies a prominent place in their studies every day. One Sabbath, after reading a portion of Luke, the larger girls were questioned as to the meaning of the word "Gospel". A tiny hand was raised by a bright-eyed girl — the very youngest — and plainly she answered, "The word 'gospel' means 'good news'." It is a great pleasure to give these little girls a Sabbath School lesson. They collect for it with bright, happy faces as if expecting something they are longing for. It is a source of joy and encouragement to hear the simple, childish prayers of thanksgiving from these dear little creatures, who, when asked on their first Sabbath in the Training Home, what God had given them, replied, "He gave

at of Com on us nothing. Mid-week prayer Meetings on Fifth-day evenings
gn Missions are looked forward to with much interest by those who attend.
tinued. Many often take part in these services and we are much encouraged by their earnestness and devotion. At these gatherings, as well as those on Sabbath mornings, a time of silent waiting upon the Lord is observed. Often we are conscious of the power of the Holy Spirit resting upon us and we feel that He blesses our feeble endeavors to serve Him, our Lord and Master.

The Mothers Meetings on Third-day afternoons has a good attendance. These are times of great help and encouragement to many poor women, who are endeavoring through surrounding difficulties to lead consistent lives. Our ever faithful head Syrian teacher has charge of these Meetings. The Scriptures are read and explained, and texts are committed to memory. All who can, join in the reading while the others listen. Already we see the good results of Katie's earnest talks with these women. She is sowing the seed and leaving the result in the hands of her dear Lord and Master, who gives the increase.

Teachers Meetings we find to be a source of strength in the School work. They are held each Third-day evening. The object of these gatherings is to invoke Divine blessing upon the Christian work done in the four schools.

The Training Home doors, as well as those of our hearts, were opened at the beginning of Tenth Month to receive fifteen forlorn looking little girls. The first thing we did was to wash and dress them neatly. They took much pleasure in the new mode of dress, but the younger ones found great difficulty in getting used to wearing boots. In play hours some of them would be seen seated on the ground with their boots at one side. Their soft, clean beds, also, were a luxury, which, although much appreciated now, were not, in every case, at first. One or two showed preference for the stone floor underneath, until they were taught to live up to their privileges.

The manner of living of these Training Home girls, and especially their deportment and dress, has a visible effect upon the children and other people of the village. On Sabbaths and on Fourth-days, as we lead our girls to meeting and for their weekly walks, the women come out of their huts to watch them pass, and their

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longings that their daughters might have the same privileges are often earnestly expressed.

Our girls, at first, could read but poorly in their own language, and the older ones knew only a little English. They now study Scripture, reading, writing, geography, dictation, and arithmetic, in Arabic; reading, writing and spelling, in English, and there is also, a class of five in translation. In all these studies as well as in their lessons in housework and sewing, the children have made excellent progress. During both terms the deportment of the School was good. They are all trying to be good, obedient children, and, with few exceptions, are truthful and can be trusted.

We were very sorry that our dear Etta Johnston, whom we expected to have been with us a part of the Autumn term was taken so seriously ill on her way from America, but the Lord spared her for His work, and we were privileged to welcome her on New Year's eve. With fresh strength and hopes of success we began the New Year together, and surely God's blessing has rested upon the labors of the three past months spent in His loving service.

Katie Gabriel, who has charge of the Arabic lessons in the School, displays much ability in her teaching. She also has a heart filled with love for Christ and His work, and we believe her place in this Mission to be nobly filled. As Etta's illness prevented her getting here to share the duties of the first term, too much care devolved upon Katie which resulted in sickness, but we are glad, at this writing, to report them both well, and having just finished the work of the Winter Term in a manner which we believe to be pleasing to the loving Master whom they serve.

God's blessing rests in an especial manner upon this part of the work, and we believe many of these girls will become, noble, useful women, and will, one day, go forth as missionaries among their own people.

Out-Schools.— With Saleem Saada, as head teacher, and Jurious Kaddoora, as Assistant, the Boys School is doing good work. Average number of scholars, forty four. Ages range from four to sixteen. Studies.— Bible, writing, reading, spelling, arithmetic, geography and dictation.

English reading is taught the older boys. The best attendance is during the rainy season, when the children are not obliged to work on the farms or in the vineyards.

Our Mixed Schools, held in the Western part of the village, is taught by two sincere Christian girls. Emily Aramoonie has charge of thirty girls, and Miriam Rodeslie, of the same number of boys. This School was the first in that part of the village, and began with two scholars in Ninth Month, 1888. Since then it has increased to sixty. During the year, deportment has been good under excellent government, and progress has been marked.

The School near the Mission, of twenty seven girls and one small boy, is taught by Lydia Farah, who displays much love for her work. As good progress was made in this School as we could expect under Lydia's disadvantage of having a small average attendance. Her scholars and those at the Western School are taught the same studies that the boys have, with the addition of all kinds of plain knitting work for the girls.

In the Spring term, the girls are often absent until 10. O'clock, bringing home grass and wood from the fields. In Summer, many remain away to watch their vineyards, or glean, as Ruth did, after the reapers. In Autumn, they are placed, some of them, in the watch-towers instead of being sent to School. The younger children, however, come quite regularly, and as these are more susceptible to training, much good can be done.

The Syrians have a great love for music, and singing of hymns is used in all our schools and meetings to spiritual advantage. The children have good voices and are apt in catching tunes. Many hymns have been taught in the Schools during the Winter.

Christmas.—We must not forget to record the interesting Christmas scene at the Mission. The great stone hall of the Training Home was filled with bright, happy little Syrian faces. After greetings, the Scriptures were read, prayer offered, and the children spoke and sang well many selections in Arabic and a few in English. Remarks were made, after which all were treated to oranges and candy, and sent away with happy faces and pleasant Memories of Christmas.

We have not let the vineyard to husbandmen this year, but had it plowed and the vines pruned. Our grounds are kept in good condition. During the

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rainy season the wall in three places fell, which we had rebuilt, we think, substancially.

Knowing the trust the Yearly Meeting has committed to me, I feel myself under no little anxiety to do my part well; not only in looking well after the financial interest, but doing every thing I can for the elevation and upbuilding of these people.

Our hearts are saddened as we think of the removal of dear Eli Jones, the father of this Mission, and Margaret C. Kimber, to their eternal rest above. Our Missionary ranks are broken! Dear friends who will fill their places? Who in our own dear Yearly Meeting will rise up and say, "Here am I, Lord, send me"? Let our prayers ascend to the "Lord of the harvest," that He will send forth laborers as faithful to their trust as were these dear friends.

We heartily thank the Friends of our several auxiliaries for their valuable contributions of clothing, bedding, Etc. Many thanks were expressed by the recipients for these needed donations.

We also express our deep gratitude to all who are helping us and feel an interest in this Mission. Dear friends, we still ask for your sympathy and prayers; that the work to which we feel the dear Lord has called us may prosper, and that strength and wisdom may be given to carry it on to His praise and glory.

The Hospital Department, under the care of Dr Tabbot during the first of the year, was carried on with moderate success. At his departure, on account of ill health, it fell upon Huldah H. Leighton to attend to these duties. For three weeks she had the added care of Dr Tabbott as he was ill at the Mission, and since then she has administered to the wants of the many day patients, who average ten per day and has been very [illegible] in relieving them by simple remedies. When very severe cases have been presented, she has got chances in the hospital at Jerusalem for them. We desire to have more done in this important department.

One thing more can be added to this seemingly full report of our Mission in Bible lands, and

Report of Com on Foreign Missions Continued.

with hearts full of gratitude, the Committee of this Yearly Meeting would say, that it was indeed the guiding hand of the Heavenly Father, which led to those far away shores, his servant, who stands to-day at the head of the Mission Home at Ramallah.

With steady hand, firm will, and trusting dependence upon her Guide, Huldah H. Leighton has carried on the work there, to the glory of God, and the uplifting of the people. To her they look for comfort and [illegible]; she has been a tender mother to them all, a friend and counsellor, and proved herself to possess "the wisdom born of God", which He gives unto his servants who trust implicitly in Him, in time of need. To her in the many perplexing and tiring duties which devolve upon her, we must extend our strong aid, in funds and supplies, that the work may be prospered and the fields filled with reapers; and for Huldah H. Leighton and our young sister Etta Johnston, we must send our prayers to the throne of grace, that their strength, spiritually and physically, may be spared them to continue the blessed work for the Master. The young teachers so bravely working with them and our girls at the Home, all deserve our good-will and earnest prayers, that they may gather golden grain for the Master, day by day, and when summoned home, the all may come, "bringing their sheaves with them".

We cannot close our report without a loving tribute to the memory of our dear friend, Eli Jones, who has been so long our honored Chairman, and who first put us in communication with the Bible lands, as not only sacred to us in the past, but filled with interest and real work for us in the present. The future looks lonely to us without his co-operation and appreciative interest, but in the Heavenly Jerusalem above, he has heard the welcome to the "good and faithful servant," and has entered into the "joy of his Lord," to go no more out forever.

Charles M. Jones
Corresponding Secretary.

P.S. We would recommend the appointment of a new Committee at this time, and an appropriation of one thousand dollars.

Treasurers Report Com on Foreign Missions.

Treasurers Report.

Committee on Foreign Missions for New England Yearly Meeting of Friends in account with Timothy B. Hussey, Treasurer —

Credit.

Treasurer's report of Com on Foreign Mission Continued	1889.	By balance on hand from last year.	$18.19
	6 Mo	" Cash from F. M. Association of Windham Monthly Meeting	10.00
	"	" " " E. A. Bailey	25.00
	"	" " " a Friend	5.00
	"	" " " Dover Monthly Meeting	5.00
	"	" " " Collections at Yearly "	230.61
	"	" " " Harry Wood and wife	5.00
	"	" " " Benjamin F. Knowles	50.00
	"	" " " the Ellen L. Congdon legacy	2650.00
	9th Mo	" " " Farnham, Mo. Mtg. Canada, by Senaca H. Stevens towards education of Nijmee Chadura at Ramallah	32.75
	" "	" " " S. R. Buffinton Treasurer of Yearly Meeting to cover Yearly Meeting appropriation	750.00
	"	" " " Ellen K. Buffum	10.00
	" "	" " " from Woonsocket Bible School, by Esther Osborne	26.50
	" "	" " " " H. J. Bailey, Treasurer of W. F. M. S. from Iowa W. F. M. S. for the education one half year, of five girls at Ramallah	162.50
	" "	" H. J. Bailey, Treasurer W. F. M. S. towards salary of one officer at Ramallah.	30.00
	" "	" Anna G. Wood	20.00
	" "	" Sarah Grace Price (when visiting Mission)	8.00
	" "	" Helen B. Harris " " "	8.00
	" "	" Thomas Hodgkin " " "	8.00
	" "	" School Com. Mtg at Providence	23.50
	10th "	" Eleanor Cattell of Garfield, Ohio. towards Education of girls at Ramallah	36.00
	11th "	" at lecture in Portsmouth, R. I.	5.11
	" "	" Flora Bailey on behalf of her Bible School for Education of five day scholars one year at Ramallah	25.00
	12th Mo	" Gideon Wood	10.00
	" "	" " Joseph Ewer on behalf of Sandwich Mo Mtg	23.00
	" "	" " Hannah A. Brightman from Allens Neck Bible School	5.00
	" "	" " Olney T. Meader and wife	25.00
	" "	" " amount borrowed from Building Fund	500.00
	" "	" " A. F. Cox and wife	50.00
	1890 1st Mo	" " " R. P. Gifford on behalf of Providence Mo. Mtg.	100.00
	" "	" " " Silas H. Cartland " " " Parsonsfield " "	7.40
	" "	" " " Sarah J. Swift $64. from Friends in Worcester [illegible] Bible School	78.00
	" "	" " " Isaac Winslow from St. Albans Mo Meeting	5.00
		Amount carried up	4947.56

Treasurer's Report	Amount brought up	$4947.56
Com on Foreign 1st Mo	By cash from Nathaniel Howland, Dartmouth Mo. Mtg.	7.00
Missions Cont'd	" " " Mary P. Babcock, Peacedale " "	2.00
" "	" " Mary [illegible], Westport " "	16.00
" "	" " Richard Battey, Woonsocket " "	35.00
" "	" " Eli Jones, China " "	5.00
" "	" " Emily Weeks	4.50
" "	" " Paul and Hannah R. Wing on behalf of Fairfield Preparative Meeting	9.00
" "	" H. J. Bailey, Treasurer of W. F. M. S. towards salary of one officer	15.00
" "	" Leydia E. Jenkins	4.50
" "	" Mary Hobbs, towards educating girl at Ramallah	5.00
" "	" Eliza P. Pierce on behalf of Vassalboro Mo. Mtg.	5.00
" "	" Charles A. Nichols " " " Windham " "	5.63
" "	" Fall River Preparative Meeting	17.60
" "	" " " Bible School by Marianna Gifford	5.00
" "	" Bolton Mo. Mtg. by Susie M. and Bertha M. Wheeler	5.00
" "	" Manchester Friends, by Lizzie M. Hawkes	7.50
" "	" New Bedford Meeting, " Anna G. Wood	54.10
2nd Mo	" " R. I. Mo. Mtg. by J. S. Anthony	15.00
" "	" Sidney " " " Phebe W. Sawtelle	5.00
" "	" lecture at Maple Grove, Aroostook, Me.	5.50
" "	" Winthrop and West Gardiner Friends by Mabel G. Bailey	20.00
" "	" " Friends in Uxbridge by Sarah J. Swift	8.50
" "	" " George Estes	2.00
" "	" " Berwick Mo. Mtg. by Samuel Buffum	33.00
" "	" " Ellen F. Hobbs towards educating girl at Ramallah	5.00
" "	" Harry Wood and wife	5.00
" "	" Winthrop Auxilliary, by H. J. Bailey Treas W. F. M. S.	90.00
" "	" Samuel Buffum	5.00
" "	" Lynn Bible School, $10.41. and Preparative Meeting, $39.59. by Eli Jepson	50.00
" "	" George A. Crossman	25.00
" "	" Clara H. Willetts, of Iowa, for day scholar one year	5.00
" "	" Iowa, W. F. M. S. by H. J. Bailey, Treasurer	162.50
" "	" Subscriptions of E. T. Larkin and other Friends	15.00
" "	" H. J. Bailey Treasurer W. F. M. S.	184.47
4th "	" Friends in Bolton by Bertha M. Wheeler	8.00
	Amount carried over	$5825.36

Treasurer's report of Com. on Foreign Missions Cont'd.

5th mo	Amount brought over	$5825.36
	Rec'd from Friends in Fall River & Swansea by Samuel R. Buffinton	45.00
" "	Portland Meeting by Myra E. Frye	17.50
" "	E. Farnham Mo. Mtg. Canada towards education of girl at Ramallah	32.50
" "	Dover Mo. Mtg. by Wm. P. Jenkins	3.00
" "	W. F. M. S. by H. J. Bailey, Treasurer	50.00
" "	Henry Wood and wife	7.50
" "	Wm & Susan T. Thompson	[illegible]
" "	Samuel R. Buffinton	5.00
"	[illegible]	[illegible]
" "	Greenwich Mo. Mtg. by S. R. Buffinton	3.00
" "	So. Kingstown " " " "	2.50
" "	New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	500.00
" "	W. F. M. S. of Indiana, by H. J. Bailey, Treasurer	65.00
" "	Kidder, Peabody & Co. (amount overpaid on draft)	13.75
" "	Benjamin Butler, Treasurer of Fund of Damascus Meeting, O. for education of girl at Ramallah	65.00
" "	Windham Bible School, by Nathan Pope	2.33
6th mo "	Mary Ann Evans and Sarah Hussey of Indiana for educating girl at Ramallah	65.00
" "	Smith's Neck Bible School Dartmouth Mo. Mtg. by Blair D. Howland	5.00
" "	Rebecca H. Conley	10.00
" "	Manchester Preparative Mtg. by Lizzie M. Hawkes	1.60
" "	Amount received from deposit in bank	76.70
		$6834.74

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1887 6 mo	To Draft sent to Ramallah £200	$978.00
7 "	" " " " " £100	488.25
8 "	" travelling expenses, etc. of Mission and Assistant	257.11
" "	" Salary sent to Dr. Herrenauer	256.00
9th mo	" amt paid Breisch & Co. " lumber	191.00
" "	" " " Dr. Herrenauer	373.21
" "	" " for taxes and insurance on Ramallah property	73.00
" "	" " " Current expenses for third quarter, and land at Ramallah	795.00
10th mo	" " Current expenses of Mission at Ramallah	609.62
" "	" " paid for goods sent to Mission at Ramallah	62.92
" "	" " " " Stationery	3.00
	Amount carried up	$4089.11

1889 11th mo		Amount brought up	$4089.11
	To	Amt paid Kaiser Aswad for labor at Ramallah	32.00
" "	"	" rent of Com. Room in Tremont Temple	2.00
12th "	"	" for pictures of Mission Buildings and groups of Ramallah children	23.00
"	"	" printing and postage	8.34
"	"	" draft for expenses of Mission at Ramallah	485.00
1890 2nd mo	"	" " " " " "	607.44
4th "	"	" for goods sent to " " "	9.08
"	"	" amt. sent to H. J. Bailey Treasurer of W. F. M. S. (received from Bolton)	38.00
"	"	" for printed matter	24.50
5th "	"	" draft for expenses of Mission at Ramallah	486.25
"	"	" deposit made at various times in New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	936.72
6th mo	"	" Dr Hersenauer in full settlement	93.30
			$6834.72

Note.— There is now on deposit in the New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank to the credit of the Mission, $1800

The Report was accepted and very satisfactory and encouraging to the Meeting. The Committee of last year is continued to nominate a Committee to whom this important concern may be entrusted the ensuing year, and report at a future sitting.

The sum of $520.04 was collected by voluntary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year, and the said contributions are desired to be made as early as the First Month next year.

38. Committee appointed to prepare a Minute to be placed upon our records, on the subject of prohibition, etc., have presented the following, which is fully united with, viz:—

"Realizing that the command 'Let your light shine', is enjoined upon us by our divine Master, we, as an organization, declare in favor of prohibition of the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicants as a beverage. To this end, with God's help, we believe we should, as a Church and as individuals, employ our utmost efforts for the suppression of this practice, till the bonds are broken, and our land is delivered from this iniquity.

Report of Com. on Minute on Prohibition of rum & tobacco cont.d.

Also, believing that the command, "Be ye clean", means both the individual and the Church, it is the advise of this Meeting that no member of our Society be placed in any official position in the Church who uses intoxicants, except prescribed by a physician, or who indulges in the personal use of tobacco or other narcotics and we advise our Monthly Meetings to tenderly admonish all their members addicted to these pernicious habits.

On behalf of the Committee.

Zephaniah Beard,
Hannah J. Bailey.

Newport, R. I. Sixth Month 16th 1890.

We adjourn to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Third-day Morning the 17th. The Meeting assembled in separate sessions, pursuant to adjournment.

Epistle from N. Carolina rec.d and read.

39. An Epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting was now received and read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Consideration of State of Society

40. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The Answers are as follows, viz:—

Summary Answers.

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Answer 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except forty six omissions, and also one small Mid-week Meeting, which was not held for a period of three months. Four of the omissions occasioned by inclement weather and sickness. Most of the Mid-week Meetings are small. The hour generally well observed.

Answer 2nd. Three of our Quarterly Meetings report exceptions to love and unity; and two report detraction not wholly guarded against. Care is generally taken to end differences.

Answer 3rd. Nearly all Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and with some exceptions in several of our Quarterly Meetings to train

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those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

Answer 4th. Very generally we read the Holy Scriptures in our families, as well as individually, encouraging our children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty, with exceptions mentioned in three of the Answers, we maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Answer 5th. The use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, is avoided, with twenty four exceptions, and a "few cases", reported in two of the Answers; with slight exceptions, careful in the other requirements of this query.

Answer 6th. Nearly clear in the several parts of this query.

Answer 7th. Four of the Quarterly Meetings mention some deficiencies in maintaining our testimony against bearing arms and other military matters, and in regard to oaths, clear of defrauding the public revenue.

Answer 8th. Nearly all our members exercise a prudent care in regard to their temporal affairs, and, with few exceptions, meet their obligations promptly.

Answer 9th. There is some reminness reported, both as to records and certificates.

Answer 10th. We think the discipline is administered in Christian tenderness, and impartially, though not always as timely as would be best.

While considering the State of Society, we were reminded of the words of our Savior, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them". Only the true disciples of Christ can live in the spirit of this command, for they only have learned the Divine law of love. Love is not simply the absence of hatred, it is an active principle in the heart and in the life. It imagines no evil against another, neither does it receive and entertain evil reports against a brother without the clearest evidence of their truth; it banishes from the heart the spirit of criticism, and makes a brother's reputation and character dear to us as our own; it seeks to restore the wanderer, to strengthen the weak, and, in all things, to imitate the example of Him from whose gracious lips came forth the law of love. Each individual should be careful to maintain the Christian life in every way that God requires; and this can only be done as we remain rooted and grown

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ed in love. In this spirit we shall seek to know and to supply the needs of our brethren, and, especially, of those who labor among us, in word and doctrine, as God has given us the ability, and in this spirit the differences of opinion, which agitate the Church, will be settled according to the mind and will of Christ; and we enabled to dwell together as brethren in the Lord.

Com on Foreign Missions appd.

41. The Committee to bring forward names to constitute a Committee on Foreign Missions present the following viz:— Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Anna G. Wood, Charles M. Jones, S. Caroline Tobey, Mary Almy Chase, Hannah J. Bailey, Eli Jepson, Harriet D. Collins, Wm. Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Elizabeth K. Jones, Addie F. Chace, Phebe W. Sowdelle, Ruth S. Murray, Robert P. Gifford, William T. Hussey, Augustus F. Cox, Jennie E. Reynolds, Olney F. Meader, Martha Hoag, Mary W. Jones, John Henry Crosman, Ellen K. Buffum, Rufus M. Jones and Sarah Marble, Silas H. Cartland, Linwood W. Jones, Harry Wood, Clara A. Winslow and Alice C. Earle.

On behalf of the Committee,
Charles M. Jones.

Which is approved by this and the Women's Meeting.

Epistle to Canada Yly Mtg read and approved.

42. An Epistle to Canada Yearly Meeting was now read and approved. The Clerk is directed to sign and forward it to that Meeting.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon, at 3.30 o'clock.

Afternoon— The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Report of Com on Peace

43. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee have attended to their appointment. We have circulated Peace literature, and some of our members have been actively engaged in Peace organizations, where their services have been much appreciated.

Report of Com on Peace Cont^d.

The success of the International Peace Congress, in Paris, last year; the wonderful achievements of the Pan American Conference, in Washington, this year, joining together all the governments on this continent, except Mexico and Chili, in an agreement to submit international questions to arbitration, and that no war in any event shall be waged by either high contracting party for the acquisition of territory; leave us to expect very much from the next International Peace Congress, to be held in London the 14th of the Seventh Month, 1890. We suggest to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of sending delegates to the London Peace Congress, with a memorial from this Yearly Meeting.

We record with much sorrow, the death of our Chairman, Benjamin F. Knowles. His interest and labors in this cause have been untiring for many years.

On behalf of the Committee,
Samuel R. Buffinton

Newport, Sixth Month 17th 1890.

Com on Peace appointed.

The Report was satisfactory to the Meeting. The Committee have proposed the following named Friends a Committee on Peace the ensuing year, which is approved, and is as follows, viz:— Augustine Jones, Thomas Wood, James H. Chace, Alfred H. Jones, Thomas Chase, John Metcalfe, William T. Hussey, Samuel R. Buffinton, Sarah J. Swift, M. Augusta Battey, Caroline Alice Jones, Lucretia G. Chace, Mary R. Jones and Hattie B. Metcalfe.

Delegates appt. to attend the International Peace Congress London.

44. The proposition to send delegates to the "International Peace Congress to be held in London the 14th of Seventh Month, 1890," and to send a "Memorial" to the said Congress, is fully approved, and we appoint Augustine Jones, James H. Chace and Lucretia G. Chace our delegates, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with proper credentials signed on behalf of this Meeting.

Memorial to the above Congress

Memorial.

To the Universal Peace Congress to be held in London, Seventh Month 14th 1890.

Memorial to International Peace Congress in London 7th Mo 14th 1890.

Dear friends, — The Christian religion is the religion of Peace, our Lord Jesus Christ was the Mediator. He sought reconciliation of man to God, and also of man to his fellow-man.

All therefore who call themselves Christian whether individuals or nations, should distinctly teach and practically illustrate the peace principles proclaimed by our Divine Master.

Now, therefore, we the undersigned Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, U.S.A., on the 17th day of Sixth Month, 1890, do hereby most respectfully but most earnestly request your Congress to do such acts and make such declarations as shall in your judgment, swiftly hasten the day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation. And we request to this end that you impress upon the nations of the earth, with all the weight of your influence, the expedient Christian duty of submitting international questions to arbitration, and further that every attempt of one nation to acquire the territory of another by force of arms is unchristian and a thing justly to be condemned by all civilized nations.

We suggest for your consideration the appointment by you of persons to visit those in authority in the armed nations of Europe, who shall present to them the practical conclusions of your Congress, and urge reasonably upon them the expediency and necessity of disarmament at an early day.

Minute adopted and sent to James G. Blaine, Secretary of State.

15. This Meeting is fully united in adopting and forwarding to James G. Blaine, Secretary of State, the following expression of its grateful appreciation of the achievements of the late Pan American Conference in Washington, D.C., viz: —

To the Honorable, James G. Blaine, Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.:

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, now assembled at Newport, R.I., hereby presents to thee its very deep and grateful appreciation of the achievements of the late Pan

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American Conference in Washington, in uniting nearly all the American States, in an agreement to submit international questions to arbitration, and also in abolishing the right of conquest in the territory of hostile States between parties to these treaties.

This Conference in the providence of God has applied the doctrine of the Golden Rule to the affairs of States far in advance of the general progress of the world. It has called upon the armed nations of Europe to pause and consider in the light of Christian civilization and Christian ethics, whether courts of justice, treaties, and international law are not the only foundation for mutual confidence between States, as between individuals, and whether the time is not drawing near when it shall be expedient for these Christian Nations to disarm and remove the fearful burdens of war from their inhabitants.

It may justly be questioned whether this triumphant beginning, in the recognition of the Christian obligations of States to each other, may not prove to be the brightest spot on the record of this remarkable century.

We return thanks to our Father in Heaven with grateful hearts for the broad Christian statesmanship, which, at one bound, has accomplished so much, and we prayerfully hope that it is the dawning of a new era, when Christian morality shall take the place of barbarism and brute force in the disputes of nations.

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46. Dover Quarterly Meeting proposes Wm Penn Tuttle, and Fairfield Quarterly Meeting proposes Joseph E. Briggs to serve on the Finance Committee this year, which is approved by this Meeting.

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47. The Report of the Committee on Gospel Work was now presented and read, as follows, viz:—

Dear friends:—

At the beginning of their year of service the Committee were confronted by some rather discouraging facts. The means placed at their command were small as compared with the previous year. The Committee was reduced by seven, and lost more than that number of members who had hitherto gone forth in gospel labor.

Report of Com on Gospel Work continued.

During the year two other causes operated against the work, the general prevalence sickness, and the painful thought that in many places there was no adequate preparation or provision on the part of the Church for the proper instruction and shepherding of such as might be gathered in by the labors of the anointed evangelist. Notwithstanding these occasions of discouragement, the Committee are thankful that they can say to the praise of Him, who multiplied the widows oil, and made the five loaves for the multitude of five thousand, He has put upon his children such a spirit of service, and otherwise so helped forward His work, that the results have not been reduced in the same ratio as the pecuniary outlay. This will appear from the following report.

Number of Meetings visited —	40
" " Series of Meetings	29
Whole " included in the series	437
Meetings visited without continuous service	137
Whole number of Meetings held	662
Number of Bible readings	32
" " Children's Meetings	16
" " families visited	507
" " professed conversions	95
" " " renewals	93
" who have claimed sanctification through the Spirit and belief of the truth.	119

Taking into consideration the impediments before mentioned, the Report presents many encouraging features, as will appear by comparing it with reports of former years. With these blessed evidences before us of the owning presence of the Master in our various service, we have yet the thought forced upon us constantly, and we ask its prayerful consideration by the Yearly Meeting, of the great need of a more effective distribution of our gospel ministry. Hundreds of babes in Christ are crying for instruction in the things of God; and even many maturer Christians need for the fuller development of their Christian life, the helps which come through a sanctified gospel ministry.

May there not be something for the Church to do, earnestly and decisively, in dealing her bread to the

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hungry and satisfying the afflicted soul? In many of our Meetings there is little ministry. Some of our Ministers whose labors are sweetly blessed away from home, themselves feel that their home Meetings need the helpful influence of other gifts; while there are within the Yearly Meeting a number of young and promising ministers and workers, who are evidently under the Divine anointing for effectual service, and whose means are not such as to enable them to take their places in the work of evangelizing or shepherding. The Committee are not seeking radical changes in our mode of dealing with the ministry, but ask for the sympathy of the Yearly Meeting and the aid of the particular Meetings in an earnest, watchful and prayerful effort to enable ministers to occupy freely and effectually the fields of service for which the Lord has adapted them, and to which He may clearly call them. Larger means are greatly needed, as well as other forms of encouragement; and an appeal is hereby made to the Yearly Meeting for as liberal aid as possible. Those who give of their means for the gospel have a part in this important branch of the Church's work, as truly as those who give their time and energies, and may share with them the comfort that, "He that converteth a sinner from the error of his ways, shall save a soul from death". May God enable the Committee the coming year to accomplish larger results for the Master than in any previous year. We recommend the appointment of a new Committee. The Committee have deeply felt the loss of two of their number, Benjamin F. Knowles and Eli Jones, both of whom had aided much with their sympathy, their prayers, and their labors.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
Albert F. Minott,
General Superintendent.

Newport, Sixth Month 14th, 1890.

Treasurer's report of Com on Gospel Work

Financial statement of Committee on Gospel Work.

Receipts

1889 6 Mo	Balance from last year	$126,14
" "	Collection at Portland	165,10
8 "	Winthrop Monthly Meeting	22.01
	Amount carried over	$313.25

Treasurer's Report of Common Gospel Work continued.

		Amount brought over	$313.25
1889 9th mo.		Ellen C. Maxfield (Casco Meeting)	6.00
" "		Winthrop Monthly Meeting	20.00
12th "		Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer of Yearly Meeting	100.00
1890 2d mo		" " " " " "	100.00
" "		Westport Monthly Meeting	9.00
3d "		Rhode Island " "	2.25
" "		Lynn Preparative "	20.00
" "		New Bedford "	12.50
" "		Samuel R. Buffinton Treasurer	100.00
4th "		Salem Preparative Meeting	12.00
" "		Swansea Monthly "	4.00
" "		A Friend	5.00
5th "		Greenwich Monthly Meeting	3.00
" "		Dover " "	3.50
			$710.50

Expenditures.

Expended by the Committee	$682.00
Balance on hand	28.50
	$710.50

The Report is very interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue the concern of the Meeting in this direction under the care of the same Committee, with the exception of Benjamin F. Knowles and Eli Jones, deceased, and the addition of David J. Douglas and Amos M. Kenworthy. Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to aid the Committee in the furtherance of their work. Monthly Meetings also are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year and forward the same to the Treasurer of the Committee. The sum of $600 was collected by voluntary contribution at this time and placed in the hands of the Committee. The Committee are David J. Douglas, Harriet D. Collins, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Olney T. Meader, Anna G. Wood, Edward T. Tucker, Augustus T. Cox, S. Jane Cox, Albert F. Minott, John Metcalfe, Salome C. Wheeler, Amos M. Kenworthy, Peace Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Emeline H. Tuttle, Joseph E. Briggs, Andrew J. Williams, John B. Cartland, Elizabeth H. Cobb and Phebe L. Pope.

Committee on Gospel Work.

Report of Com on Bible Schools

48. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools has now been read, and is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Bible Schools undertook this year to forward the interests confided to its charge, by encouraging local schools, and by aiding in the work of the Quarterly Conferences. To this end, the members of the Committee were appointed to visit certain schools and report their condition. Information was sent to the officers of Quarterly Conferences that we would arrange for speakers at any time. In these two lines of endeavor, perfect success has not been achieved, yet some good has doubtless been done by the faithfulness of the members of the Committee.

The reports that come up to us show an average attendance about as last year. Several schools have grown in numbers. The statistical report cannot be accurately made up, on account of the failure of some ten schools to send their reports. There is in most cases an increasing interest in Bible study. The libraries of several schools are small and inadequate to the needs. This gives an opportunity for diligent inquiry as to how the needs may be met. There may be some libraries that could spare a few books for other places. The Bible school Committee can be a channel of information in this regard.

We notice an interesting feature in the reports from Lynn and Fall River. There is a Chinese department connected with the Lynn School, while the Fall River school provides a system by which there is a Home Department for those who cannot go to the school, but still study the lesson and report to their school.

Three needs are mentioned by our schools — scholars, teachers, and books. More than all, is the need of power from the Lord. Does the lack of scholars indicate, in some cases, a lack of earnestness on the part of teachers? Certainly it cannot be necessary that one-third of our schools should have an average attendance of less than twenty. We would encourage the Bible school workers to persevere in their labor, resting not until all within their reach have been urged to come and hear the truth from week to week. If, even after that, the school remains small, the faithful effort that has been made will not be unrewarded, but the blessing of the Lord will rest on those who study the bible with living interest.

Report of Com on Bible Schools continued.

It is to be regretted that any school should be hindered in its work for lack of teachers. This kind of labor is awaiting the earnest, consecrated children of the Lord.

We are glad that so ample provision is made for the educational advance of teachers and others in the plan of the Home Study Bible School, whose report we heartily endorse.

We recommend that the interests of our Bible Schools be confided to the care of a Committee, and that a suitable sum be appropriated for its use the coming year.

Martha Hoag, Secretary.

Newport 6th Month, 16th, 1890.

Report of Home Study Bible School.

Home Study Bible School.

To the Committee on Bible Schools:

Dear friends:— The work of the Home Study Bible School during the past year has made steady progress. Friends have not yet taken hold of the study with the interest we could desire, and yet the amount of real work done far surpasses that of any previous year.

The lesson papers corrected by the Principal have been about twice as many as last year.

The influence of the work is spreading, and there are evidences that the school stimulates Bible study among many who do not actually accomplish the courses of study offered by it.

The number of students enrolled at present is as follows:

New Testament course	101
Old " " A.	16
" " " B.	4
Teachers course	27
Ecclesiastical "	8
Beginning Greek "	1
Advanced " "	3
Total	160

The following have graduated during the year from the courses indicated;

New Testament course.

Sarah A. Dale, Pickering, Ont., Canada.
Phebe J. Wright " " "
Ellen A. Winslow, Friends' Academy, Union Springs, N.Y.

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Addie F. Chace, Swansea Mass
Old Testament course, B.
Anna Morris, Philadelphia, Pa.

In addition to the regular course of instruction, the Principal has written 222 letters during the year in the interests of the School, exclusive of circulars sent out, and has likewise purchased and mailed many books to students in remote districts.

It is with the Principal a serious question whether it is possible for him to continue this work. It is done at present at a great sacrifice of time, which ought to be devoted to other things; a sacrifice which he cannot afford to make alone. Last year the Committee thought it right to try and raise $300. in partial compensation for this. The effort, however, has so far failed that the total receipts of the school for the year have been $105.62, of which $30.50 has been received from fees, and $75.12 from subscriptions.

It will easily be seen from this at what a disadvantage the School is placed. Unless some means can be devised to avoid this the coming year, the work may have to be discontinued.

Could it receive proper support, this modest undertaking might become the greatest blessing to many who have been denied the privilege of gaining the knowledge of the Scriptures needed for the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted
George A. Barton, Principal.

Boston 6th Month 3d 1890.

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Bible School

Receipts

1889 9 mo	Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer of Yly Mtg –	$25.00
12 mo	" " " " "	25.00
1890 6 mo	" " " "	13.68
		$63.68

Expenditures.

1889 11 mo	John Metcalf, Chairman	$10.00

Amount carried over

Bible School Treasurer's Report continued.

	Amount brought over	$10.00
1889 12 mo	Martha Hoag, Secretary	5.00
" "	George A. Barton, expense of printing, postage, &c, of Home Study Bible School	30.07
1890 1 mo	John Metcalfe, Chairman	15.00
6 mo	Martha Hoag, Secretary	2.10
" "	A. A. Allen, printing	1.00
" "	Publishing Association of Friends	51
		$63.68

Olney T. Meader, Treasurer.

Boston 6th Mo 13th 1890.

The above account has been examined together with vouchers, for same, and found correct.

Wm T. Hussey, Auditor

Newport, 6th Mo 16th, 1890.

Committee on Bible Schools.

The Report is satisfactory, and the same Committee is continued for service another year. The Committee are, John Metcalfe, Martha Hoag, Olney T. Meader, Thomas J. Battey, Daniel C. Maxfield, Sarah H. Taber, Ellen C. Maxfield, Henry T. Newell, Oscar J. Morse, Frank E. Jones, William T. Hussey, C. Irving Bailey, Thomas W. Hoag, Annie Macomber, Charles H. Atkins, Charles A. Chace, Mary G. Winslow, George B. Wing, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Phebe L. Pope, Salome C. Wheeler, George R. Wood, Mary E. Taylor, Emily S. Weeks, Rufus M. Jones and George A. Barton.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock.

Fourth-day Morning the 18th The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Summary Answers of Mtg on Ministry and Oversight.

49. The following Summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz:—

Answer 1st. Our members are generally diligent in the attendance of our Meetings for worship and discipline, and encourage the attendance of their families. One Quarterly Meeting reports exceptions in the attendance of Meetings for discipline.

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d Oversight: We are forcibly reminded at this time, that the Lord never fails His trusting servants. He makes a way where there is no way. Perfect consecration to God, the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire, and perfect trust, are necessary to a Christian life and Christian service. We want not a Church on paper, but a Church in fact. The revelation of God by the Spirit, is still spared to the Church, and is the source of her power. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Let us not mistake precious leadings by the Spirit for the baptism with the Spirit. We are fallible; yet by continuous consecration and faith we may so live as ever to reflect our Savior's image. "My sheep hear my voice and they follow me."

Principles never change. Their application in practice may change greatly. Our forefathers did well the work assigned them. Our work is not in all respects the same, but may be as acceptably performed. Each must for himself wait upon God, discern His Spirit and walk in His will. We shall then walk in true spiritual unity. Divine love filling the soul is the secret of unity as well as of power.

We are set as watchmen upon the walls of Zion, and must tenderly seek out and aid the trembling ones. We need the Spirit which seeks to restore that which has gone astray. We should dwell so near the Lord as to have power in prayer, and should hold on to God in behalf of the children. God's preparing hand is on many of our younger members. May we discern His call to them and properly encourage them. As our loved workers are removed from us by death, it is not God's will that we shall close up the ranks, but fill them up. We should manifest fervent sympathy with the young, and not be hurt if everything does not conform to our preferences. Our chief service is to

Minute of Mtg on Ministry & Oversight continued.

assist others in becoming and continuing holy. The present is our opportunity. We must ever preach Christ and Him crucified, and see that we declare the whole counsel of God. Education is not essential for this, though exceedingly helpful when under the power of sanctifying grace; so helpful that the Church has still something to do in preparing for effectual service especially by the more diligent and faithful study of the Holy Scriptures. But the people will not decide between God and Baal, until they see the answer "by fire" — the power of Christ working in us and through us.

Ministers are servants of the Church under God. As representatives of the Church they have no moral right to misrepresent its doctrines. It is the duty of the Church to provide for the preaching of the gospel in Needy Meetings and the proper instruction of the membership in the principles of Christ. No one should engage in the ministry from any other motive than the Divine call; and he who has this call can serve Christ whether appreciated by the Church or not.

Alfred H. Jones, Clerk.

Membership of Mtg on Ministry and Oversight.

The following constitutes the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, viz: —

			Ministers —	Elders —	Associate Members.
Rhode Island	Quarterly	Meeting	23.	35	49
Salem	"	"	11	30	37
Sandwich	"	"	14	25	33
Falmouth	"	"	19	30	18
Smithfield	"	"	10	27	13
Varsalboro	"	"	18	36	20
Dover	"	"	6	15	7
Fairfield	"	"	14	37	28
Parsonsfield	"	"	6	10	18
			121	245	223

Total membership of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, 586.

Representatives Report on propositions from R. I & Dover 2d Mtgs.

51. The Representatives to whom was referred the propositions from Rhode Island and Dover Quarterly Meetings report as follows, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

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the propositions from Rhode Island and Dover Quarterly Meetings and report as follows:— In regard to the Rhode Island proposition —way does not open at the present time for us to make a re-apportionment of stock.

In regard to the proposition from Dover Quarterly Meeting, we recommend that when a member of a Monthly Meeting who has removed, or shall remove from the limits of his Monthly Meeting, and his whereabouts, after diligent enquiry, shall have been unknown for a period of three years, the Monthly Meeting shall be at liberty to drop his name from its list of members.

For the representatives

Owen Dame, Clerk.

Newport 6th Mo 17th 1890.

The Report is satisfactory, and adopted by this and the Women's Meeting.

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57. The Representatives to whom was referred the subject of the way of raising money for the use of this Meeting report as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Representatives have considered the subject of the best method of raising money for the use of the Yearly Meeting, and are united in judgment that the present system be continued this year, and a Committee of two from each Quarterly Meeting be appointed by the Yearly Meeting to take the matter into consideration, and, if possible, devise some more satisfactory way of raising the necessary funds for the use of the Meeting, and report to our next Yearly Meeting. We nominate for this Committee—Phebe S. Aydelott, Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, Anna M. Gove, Edward T. Tucker, Susan F. Hoxie, Augustus F. Cox, Lucy R. Goddard, Isaac Steere, Abigail Wheeler, William H. Cates, Etta S. Cates, William P. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum, I. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Silas H. Cartland and Julia A. Remick.

Owen Dame, Clerk.

Newport, 6th Mo 17th 1890.

The Report is satisfactory, and adopted by this Meeting, and the Committee requested to report to our next Yearly Meeting—Women Friends concurring.

This Meeting further recommends that Quarterly Meetings

Report of Representatives on Method of raising Yly Mtg Stock Contd.

appoint from each of their Monthly Meetings, Committees to consult and advise with the Members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee of their own Quarterly Meeting.

London Epistle recd read and referred.

52. An Epistle from London Yearly Meeting addressed to this Meeting, was now received, and read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Report of Com on Oak Grove Seminary

53. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary the past year, have presented their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

It is with much satisfaction, that we bring before you the report of work this year accomplished at Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

We have been highly favored in securing the services of Rufus M. Jones, A.M., as Principal, and no less so in having the presence of his wife, Sarah H. C. Jones, as Matron of the school. Under their efficient care, the school has steadily prospered; the life and energy which have characterized their efforts in behalf of the school have inspired strength and zeal in the teachers and scholars, and is rapidly increasing the prospect of Oak Grove standing as a banner school. During the past year 118 scholars have attended the school.

The faculty is composed of the following:—

Rufus M. Jones, A.M., Languages
Lindley M. Stevens, A.B., Mathematics and Sciences.
Charles E. Cobb, Commercial Department.
Alice F. Mayberry, Governess, History and English.
Lettie M. Smith, Primary.
Sarah H. C. Jones, Botany.
Emily S. Weeks, Painting and Drawing.

The financial report is encouraging, and all funds provided for household necessities have been judiciously expended, providing ample comforts throughout the institution for the students.

The Commencement exercises occurred 5th mo 23rd 1890. and from their "Alma Mater" an interesting and brilliant class of Christian young people went forth to take up their duties in the world.

By the kindness of Edward L. Farr and other

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benevolent friends of the Principal, 250 well selected volumes have been recently added to the 100 books, which, a year ago, formed the nucleus of a library for the Institute. We feel very grateful to the donors for these much needed books.

The religious interest has been good. A number of conversions have resulted from the diligent prayerful efforts put forth to benefit the students, and lead them to Christ. Meetings have been held every First-day, morning and evening, and every Fourth-day morning. Noon prayer meetings have been held by the scholars, and a social prayer meeting once each week, by the girls. The Young Peoples' Fellowship Union has had charge of Fourth-day evening and Fifth-day noon meetings.

A large addition to the collection of minerals formerly owned by the school has been made this year by the gift of Eli Jones, whose valuable minerals, secured in his extensive travels, were bequeathed to Oak Grove Seminary and will be placed in a handsome case, adding much to the advantages of the Seminary, in the study of geology, beside being a tender reminder of him, who in life even unto the end, cherished this institution as a child of his adoption.

There has been very little sickness during the School year. The prevailing La "Grippe" made itself felt to some extent, but not seriously.

We recommend that a new Committee be appointed to have care of the Seminary the coming year.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
Charles M. Jones, Secretary.

easurer's Report on Oak Grove Seminary.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts

Balance from last year	$7,872.82
Maine State Treasurer	1,200.00
New England Yearly Meeting of Friends	3,000.00
Subscriptions	5,225.00
Board and tuition	3,677.76
Interest on loans	741.29
	$21,716.87

Treasurer's Report of Com on Oak Grove Seminary Continued.

Expenditures.

Paid for expenses of School, Fencing, etc	$5,463.62
Cash in hands of Treasurer	253.25
Mortgage Notes	10,000.00
Other Notes	6,000.00
	$21,716.87

Funds and securities now in care of Treasurer.

Balance	$253.25
Mortgage notes on hand	10,000.00
Other notes " "	6,000.00
The Sybil Jones Fund	613.73
The Mary E. Austin "	3,000.00
	$19,866.98

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, and found them correct.

John J. Frye
Hannah J. Bailey } Auditors.

The Report is accepted and approved by the Meeting, and the Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year, with the substitution of Henry and Mary G. Winslow in place of Eli Jones and Benjamin F. Knowles, deceased. Joseph E. Briggs is reappointed Treasurer. The Committee are — Charles M. Bailey, C. Irving Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Augustine Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, John J. Frye, Joseph T. Richardson, Ezra Hawkes, John H. Crossman, Timothy B. Hussey, Arthur Taber, Frank E. Jones, John F. Chase, Alfred H. Jones, Augustus F. Cox, Henry Winslow, Hannah J. Bailey, Susan T. Thompson, Myra E. Frye, Huldah H. Leighton, Ruthanna H. Washburn, Mary E. Richardson, Harriet L. Hoxie, S. Jane Cox, Harriet D. Collins, Mary Ann Hoxie, Julia E. Winslow, Emma S. Briggs, C. Alice Jones, Mary E. Taber, Sarah Marble, Eliza P. Price, Anna F. Hall and Mary G. Winslow.

Committee of Oak Grove Seminary.

Report of Com to solicit subscriptions in aid of Oak Grove Seminary.

54. The Committee appointed as per Minute 52 of last year report as follows, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee under appointment to solicit subscriptions toward completing the Endowment Fund for Oak Grove Seminary report, that after earnest endeavors, only $111 has been secured within the limits

ort of Com of three of the Quarterly Meetings. One reason for the small amount is that many Friends interested in this School have already paid liberally toward this Fund. Another is, that others object to paying, on the ground that as the Yearly Meeting has given its note for the amount of $3000. there is little need of private contributions.

For the Committee,

Phebe S. Aydelott, Secretary.

Newport, Sixth Month 17th 1890.

Financial Statement.

1889 8 mo	From Daniel Meader	$25.00
" "	By Phebe S. Aydelott	5.00
	" George B. Wing	36.00
11th mo	South Kingston Monthly Meeting	25.00
1890 2nd mo	By Phebe S. Aydelott	5.00
5th " "	" W. P. Jenkins, Dover Monthly Meeting	15.00
		$111 00

Paid to Samuel R. Buffinton Treasurer of Yly Mtg $111.00

For the Committee,

Olney T. Meader.

Boston 6th mo 9th, 1890.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the Committee released — Women Friends concurring.

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55. The proposition from Indiana Yearly Meeting in regard to the formation of a Central Missionary Board, which was referred by Minute 52 of last year to this Meeting, has been again considered, but has not met our concurrence. It was decided that a paragraph to that effect should be inserted in our Epistle to that Meeting.

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56. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report, which has been read, and is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The work of the Associated Executive Committee, in Indian Territory, is carried on under the supervision of Charles W. Kirk, who often visits each particular Meeting and Mission Station, encouraging the workers

Report of Indian Com. Continued

and arranging, with good judgment, the various parts of the work. As a result, a larger number of Indians hear the Gospel, with increasing interest, and converts are multiplied. Truly this field is white unto harvest, and is owned and blessed by the great Head of Missions in bringing forth rich clusters of fruit.

Government makes no provision for religious teaching among Indians, and in their wild pagan state they do not care for the Gospel, but when they accept Christ, He is as dear to them as to us. As a general rule, when converted, they remain firm in the faith, and from their scanty means, do what they can to extend the Gospel. Five new Meetings have been added to Grand River Monthly Meeting during the year. We now have over five hundred members belonging to this Meeting. The Modoc Meeting has had the largest attendance. Four Mid-week Meetings are kept up within the Monthly Meeting, with an average attendance of eighty-eight in all the Meetings. In Second Month, one hundred and sixteen families were visited, four persons professed conversion to Christian faith and eleven applied for membership. In the Sac and Fox Agency there are two mission stations under the care of Friends — one at Shawnee-town, where Charles W. Goddard, formerly of our Yearly Meeting, is stationed, and one at Iowa village. At each place a Meeting is organized, which make up Shawnee-town Monthly Meeting.

John F. Mardoc and wife, who were instrumental in gathering the Meeting at Skiatook, are now laboring with the Iowas. They began work here last Autumn, and by their usual devotion and fervency of love in visiting families have won several to Christ. They pray much with the Indians in their lodges, especially when they administer medicine. One result has been that a goodly number have professed conversion to Christ, and twenty five names have been sent to the Monthly Meeting for membership. There are about twenty-five hundred Indians in this Agency, fully one half are without any religious influence. Dr Kirk writes: "At three different places distant — ten — twenty, twenty-five miles from Shawnee-town and not nearer than twelve miles to each other, we are asked to hold Meetings, if only once a month, and also to build log-houses for Meetings and Schools.

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The Agent would gladly allot land for such houses, at two places, as soon as we put any improvements on the land. If only $100 could be had to help out at one of these places, much good might be done.

The visit of our dear friends, Henry Stanley Newman and wife, was a great comfort to Friends in the Territory, and has proved very beneficial to the Members of the various Meetings.

The "Peace Policy" of President Grant is often called the Quaker Policy, because Friends, at that time, led in the work of uplifting the Indian race, and were instrumental in causing the grand change in Indian affairs; since then other religious denominations have come forward in the work, and are looking to Friends, in a large measure, for inspiration and help. We are sorry to report a waning in the interests of Friends, especially when the need is so great. The question naturally arises, have some of the discouraging features of the work, which have energized other societies (in a measure) paralyzed our efforts, or have we allowed other claims to take our attention and let this field, so white unto harvest, lie so little cared for by us! Are we willing the grand work our Fathers so zealously engaged in shall languish, or shall we arise from our slumber and try harder to right the wrongs of the Indian, and thus help put an end to our Century of Dishonor?

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3.500. We recommend that $525. be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We ask, also, that the Treasury of our own Committee be replenished, not only by a collection to be raised in our Yearly Meeting, but, also, by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee.

Myra E. Frye, Secretary.

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Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

1889 6 mo	Balance of cash on hand	7.17
" "	Amount collected during Yearly Meeting at Portland	147.27
" "	From Friends of New Bedford Monthly Meeting for years of 1888-89	65.00
" " " " "	Sandwich " "	26.00
" " " " "	Rhode Island " "	14.50
" " " " "	Swansea " "	13.00
" " "	Amesbury Sabbath School	2.00
	Amount carried over	$274.94

Treasurer's Report of Indian Com. continued.

	Amount brought over.	$274.94
1889 6th mo	From Friends of Boston Monthly Meeting	12.00
" "	" " " Providence " "	25.00
" "	" " " Greenwich " "	3.00
" "	" Lynn Sabbath School	10.00
" "	" Friends of Worcester	36.00
" "	" " " Uxbridge	2.50
" "	" " " Dover Monthly Meeting	21.00
" "	" " " Sandwich " " N. H.	10.00
" "	" " " Westport " "	11.00
" "	" Allen's Neck Sabbath School	5.00
" "	" Bolton Monthly Meeting	7.00
" "	" Salem Preparative "	12.00
" "	" Falmouth Monthly "	21.50
" "	" Portland Bible School	15.00
		$465.94

Expenditures.

1889 7th mo	Paid H. J. Bailey, Treasurer amt contributed for a School house bell, etc	$25.00
9th " mo	Remitted to Mary G. Hubbard	25.00
11th " "	Paid D. C. W. Kirk for the use of Skiatook Mission	15.00
1890 6th mo	Appropriated by the Committee to Charles W. Goddard as a part of his salary	150.00
" "	John F. Mardoc for care of Indian Children	75.00
" "	D. C. W. Kirk and wife for special use	50.00
" "	Julia Hall	20.00
" "	Jeremiah Hubbard	20.00
" "	Lucy Winney	10.00
" "	Elwood W. Weesner for the Alaska Mission	50.00
" "	John M. Watson	15.00
" "	John Bishop	10.00
	Balance	.94
		$465.94

Anthony M. Kimber, Treasurer.

Newport 6th mo 16th, 1890.

The Report is satisfactory, and the Committee continued for service another year, with the substitution of Emma S. Briggs in place of Charles W. Goddard, who has removed from the limits of this Yearly Meeting. A contribution was taken in both this and the Women's Meeting, and the sum of $163.37 was raised and directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee. It is also

Minute cont'd. directed that our several Monthly Meetings appoint Committees to assist in raising additional funds for the use of the Committee, and place the same in the hands of their Treasurer. Names of Indian

Names of Associate Executive Com. Committee, viz:— Members of Associated Executive Committee William O. Newhall, Anthony M. Kimber, Emeline H. Tuttle and Myra E. Frye. General Committee William O. Newhall, Ellen R.

Names of general Indian Com. Buffum, Augustine Jones, John J. Frye, Myra E. Frye, Joseph E. Briggs, Anthony M. Kimber, Asa C. Tuttle, Emeline H. Tuttle, Anna M. Cove, Hannah J. Bailey, Elwood G. Macomber, Abbie E. Gifford, Arthur W. Jones, Emma S. Briggs, Leslie Meader, Joseph D. Wood, Samuel Buffum, Sarah Osborne, Emily S. Weeks, Ella L. Andrews, Maria Winslow, Mary D. Collins, Edward T. Tucker, Susan H. Meader and Almira B. Buffum.

Report of Com. on Education. 57. The Committee on Education have presented their Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education report — That it has given attention to its appointment. That without special service, it has given its attention to the subject at large. The small number of Friends, who attend our Denominational Schools, has given the greatest solicitude to the Committee. The statistics show that there are three hundred and fifty four children of the proper age for these schools, and that only eighty four of this number attend them, including all the schools controlled, even in part, by Friends, leaving two hundred and seventy children at school away from Friends, if at school at all.

It is felt by many Friends, no doubt, that as the special tenets of our Society are not directly taught, the advantages of a Friends School are small in the direction of Denominational Education.

But it is thought by the Committee that the indirect teaching is more effective than the direct, in this age of free thought. The present and growing tendency of all denominations to take down their denominational bounds and hedges, and to recognize and cherish, everywhere, the brethren of the Church universal, rather than the more selfish and smaller interests of their sect. This, also, has reduced the importance of sectarian Schools in the minds of the Friends. And, again, the enthusiasm of the people for the free public common school has created a temporary unpopularity

Report of Com. on Education cont'd.

towards private schools, and particularly towards boarding schools. The parochial school contest has aided this result.

Your Committee are thoroughly convinced that at a certain period in a child's life no form of school is so excellent as a good boarding school.

The larger family breaks down selfishness in the child in a way and manner impossible in the family at home. It produces, at an early period, self reliance, and the contact with many minds and many customs from different localities educate the child as nothing else can, in a little world, for the great world outside and its duties. Having the charge of the pupil, day and night, such a school can do more for him in instruction in books. It can do vastly more for him in practical education for life and in morals. It is able to create a public sentiment for good, a potent force, which like leven may work through the whole household, and silently build the foundations of character. This the public school cannot do to the same extent, and often the family fails to do it.

Parents may not be aware, sometimes, that they have not the experience or the skill to do the best work on their own children, this they are slow to see or admit. The public schools are failing on the ground of moral teaching and the popularity of boarding schools increases.

Our work, therefore, may be looked forward to in an abiding hope and trust that it has a far greater future before it than its past history presents.

The Committee asks that next year it may have one of the early evenings of the Yearly Meeting week in which to present the cause of education to the people. This subject, for a number of years, has given place to other causes, but we think the time has fully come when its merits demand a public hearing.

On behalf of the Committee,
Augustine Jones,
Myra E. Frye.

Report of Com. on Education accepted and Com. Continued.

The report is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year, with the substitution of Wilmot R. Jones in place of Eli Jones. Committee on Education are Augustine Jones, Caroline Jones of Deering, Me. Anna T. Hall, Rufus M. Jones,

mmittee Education. Ruthanna H. Washburn, Myra E. Frye, John Ellwood Paige, Phebe W. Sawtelle, Ruth S. Murray, Gertrude W. Cartland, Sarah Marble, Wilmot R. Jones.

cords of the presentative eting read. 58. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting, except that portion relating to Henry C. Aydelotts publishing a pamphlet without asking the advise, and obtaining the concurrence of that Meeting; on account of questioned jurisdiction, is hereby declared to be null and void — Women Friends concurring.

Adjourned to meet at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met according to adjournment.

istles to other y Mtgs read approved. 59. Epistles to London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana Western, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings, were now read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

hresentative eting appt. 60. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year, which is approved, and they are accordingly appointed, viz:— Augustine Jones, Charles A. Chace, Phebe S. Aydelott, Harriet D. Collins, William C. Newhall, Owen Dame, Alice W. Maxfield Mary B. Swan, Ruth S. Murray, Susan F. Hoxie, Anna G. Wood, George Howland, Jr., John Hacker Hall, Augustus F. Cox, Myra E. Frye, S. Jane Cox, Richard Battey, James C. Inman, Mary A. Battey, Salome C. Wheeler, Alfred H. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, William A. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, William P. Tuttle, Anna M. Hussey, Emeline H. Tuttle, Charles M. Jones, J. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary C. Hawkes, John B. Cartland, Eunice D. Cartland, Silas H. Cartland, Lydia A. Cartland, Daniel C. Maxfield, Samuel R. Buffinton Silas F. Stout, Edward J. Tucker, Ellen K. Buffum, John B. Bayliss, David J. Douglas, Isaac Steere, Sarah J. Swift, John J. Frye, Reuben S. Jones and Etta S. Cates.

Editors Report. 61. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of

Auditors Report

the Treasurer, etc., have attended to their appointment, an report as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$1726.09
Books of Discipline sold	175.25
For Oak Grove Endowment Fund	111.00
Amount of Loan on Note 8 mos	1500.00
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on account	700.00
Sandwich " " in full	800.00
Smithfield " " " "	240.00
Falmouth " " " "	320.00
Dover " " " "	200.00
Fairfield " " " "	480.00
Parsonsfield " " " "	80.00
Salem " " " "	700.00
Vassalboro " " " "	220.00
Dividend from Eagle National Bank	60.00
" " New Bedford Savings "	24.24
	$7336.58

Payments.

Paid expenses of Yearly Meeting at Portland	$520.85
Printing, Copying, etc	438.41
Committee on Syrian Mission	750.00
" " Bible Schools	50.00
" " Temperance	200.00
" " Freedmen	700.00
" " Gospel Work	313.68
" " Western Indians	525.00
Aid to Friend from British Provinces	100.00
Committee on Peace	25.00
Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer, Oak Grove Fund	66.00
Paid note of 8 months	1500.00
" Interest on same	54.17
Balance Sixth Month 17th 1890	2093.47
	$7336.58

Balance due from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting $260.00

Income of Boston Meeting House Fund

Balance from last year	$1599.88
Received for coupons	450.00
" dividends and interest	65.97
	$

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Auditors Report continued.

Paid rent Wesleyan Hall	$350.00
Balance 6th Mo 17th 1890	1765.85
	$2115.85

We recommend that the sum of four thousand ($4000) dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting, and we nominate Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. Also James H. Chace for Treasurer of the Providence School Funds.

For the auditing Committee

James O. Inman,
Robert P. Gifford.

Newport 6th Mo 17th, 1890.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and Samuel R. Buffinton is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and James H. Chace Treasurer of the Providence School Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

Report of the Com. on Finance.

62. The Committee on Finance Report as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Finance recommend that the following appropriations be made from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting.

For Associated Executive Committee on Western Indians		$525.00
" Bible School	"	100.00
" Education	"	50.00
" Foreign Missions	"	750.00
" Freedmens	"	500.00
" Gospel Work	"	300.00
" Peace	"	25.00
" Temperance	"	200.00
" aid to a Friend from British Provinces		100.00
" interest on Oak Grove Note		150.00
		$2700.00

For the Committee,

Owen Dame.

Newport 6th Mo 18th, 1890.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above

Report of Com on Finance Cont'd.

appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each. Names of Committee

Names of Com on Finance.

Samuel R. Buffinton, Owen Dame, George Howland, Jr., Augustus F. Cox, Richard Battey, William A. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Levi Jones and Silas H. Cartland.

Report of Committee on Returning Minutes.

63. The Joint Committee on returning Minutes have presented the following Report, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Joint Committee having in care the preparation of returning minutes for Friends in the Ministry and others from other Yearly Meetings, have considered the matter, and are united in recommending That so far as relates to our beloved friends of American Yearly Meetings we believe our practice of furnishing returning Minutes may be discontinued without injury to the cause of truth, or the promulgation of the Gospel of Christ.

Robert P. Gifford,
Clerk of the Committee.

Newport 6th. mo 18th., 1890.

Returning Minutes granted to Friends of other Yly. Mtgs.

which was approved by this Meeting, but Women Friends not uniting, it is now concluded to concur with them in furnishing each of our friends from other Yearly Meetings who have presented credentials to this Meeting, with the following returning Minute, viz: — "Cornelius D. Barnes acceptably attended this Meeting," and similar ones to William S. and Docia S. Wooton, Benjamin F. and Charlotte M. Farquhar, John and Sarah W. Newlin, Wm S. Richardson, Rufus P. and Alice R. King, Fernando G. and Abby T. Cartland, J. Walter Malone, John P. Pennington, Robert W. and Charles B. Douglas, John Folger, Pliny and Mary C. Fry, Gilbert L. Fair, Evi Sharples and Louisa Painter Round.

Com appd to transfer Funds of Providence School to the new Treasurer.

64. We appoint James O. Inman, Gideon Wood and Robert P. Gifford, a Committee to transfer all the Providence School Funds and securities now in the hands of Owen Dame, late Treasurer of the board of Trustees of said Funds, into the hands of James H. Chace, Treasurer

of said Funds, and give the late Treasurer a receipt therefor.

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65. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious Meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting; as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which now are or may then be under appointment, viz:— Augustus F. Cox, David J. Douglas, Samuel R. Buffinton, Thomas Wood, Oscar J. Morse, Robert P. Gifford, William T. Hussey, Myra E. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Hannah J. Bailey and Susan Peckham.

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66. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an Edition of two thousand two hundred copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

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67. The privilege of assembling once more in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting has been ours, notwithstanding it has been held without the familiar faces and wise counsels of beloved aged Friends, who within the past year, have been called up higher, with whom many of us have been associated from our earliest attendance of this Meeting. We still have gratefully to acknowledge the owning presence of the Head of the Church, also the fact that our Meeting this year has been unusually large, and the attendance well kept up, particularly on the part of our younger members. We now separate, proposing to meet again at Portland, Maine, at the usual time next year.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting:
William C. Newhall,
Clerk.

ly Meeting espondents.

The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are:—
George Howland, Jr., New Bedford, Mass.
Joseph Cartland, Newburyport, "

Epistles sent to other Yly Mtgs.

Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R.I. Sixth Month, 1890.

Epistle to London Yearly Meeting.

To London.

Dear friends:

We have been made glad at this time by the receipt of your interesting Epistle as an outward manifestation of the bond of love which unites us, the children of a common Father. We assembled this year at our annual gathering under a deep sense of our dependence upon our Heavenly Father and with a fresh consciousness that we can neither worship Him nor rightly transact the business of the Church without His immediate headship and guidance.

We have felt especially stripped at this time as we miss from our number many of the Friends who have hitherto occupied prominent positions in our assembly. From our Yearly Meeting during the past year our Master has called to himself an unusually large number of His children. Among this number as you already know is our dear friend Eli Jones. Your words of remembrance of him have been most grateful to us, and we are glad to believe that he was not only known but loved on both sides of the Atlantic. He has been throughout his long life faithful to his Master and has done much to inspire us to obey the injunction "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation". We are reminded that "God buries his workmen but carries on his work".

We have felt also at this time the necessity of sympathy with the Young in all our efforts for Christ, that those of tender years may be encouraged to enter into the vineyard of the Lord, and bear with Him the burden and heat of the day.

We have been much gratified at the present time as you anticipated we would be, by the encouraging report received from the Mission at Ramallah. The Lord has wonderfully blest us in that work, not only in providing means for its maintenance, but in bringing into the field workers peculiarly fitted for this service. Our friends William and Susan T. Thompson have also stirred us by their

word pictures of the work and the opportunities for service there. We pray for the Master's blessing and guidance so to carry it on that the "Blest land of Judea, thrice hallowed in song" may in truth be hallowed by the knowledge and power of Christ.

We have also rejoiced at the reports which come to us from our Missions among the Indians, and the School among the Freedmen, as well as at the gratifying reports received from the Boarding Schools within our own Yearly Meeting. We have been reminded that the progress of the Gospel of Christ is intimately associated with the progress of education, and that we should not only rejoice at the spiritual, intellectual and moral uplifting of Indians and Negroes, but that we should encourage our own members who evince adaptabilities for such work to meet the various questions of scientific and literary criticism of our time. Thus we may be enabled to carry the Gospel to every stratum of society, and high and low, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, may rejoice in the "One Lord, one faith and one baptism".

We heartily sympathize with you in your efforts for the suppression of the rum traffic, and have felt it right at this time, earnestly to admonish our members, not only to abstain from all intoxicating drinks, but to use every endeavor for the legal prohibition of the same, that this evil may be eradicated; and also to admonish them to abstain from the use of tobacco, and all narcotics in every form, in order that they may be clean who bear the vessels of the Lord.

With the salutation of love we are your brethren.
Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall,
Clerk.

To Ireland.

Epistle to Ireland.

Dear friends,

Having again met to transact the affairs of the Church in this our annual assembly, we would salute you in the love of the Gospel tendering to you the earnest sympathy we feel for our brethren everywhere, that they may be awakened to the necessity of having their hearts warmed

by the love of Christ and opened to receive Him at His coming. When we consider how much He has done for us and how unwilling we have been to accept the offer of His mercy, it has indeed a tendency to humble us and cause us to incline our hearts unto Him. For when we remember that "a day in His Courts is better than a thousand" how ready should we be to submit our all unto Him and accept all He has offered us.

Your acceptable Epistle of last month has been received and read at this time and has renewed the cord of sympathy which has long existed betwixt us.

There has been an earnestness with a large number of our members at this time, which induces the belief that the dear Master has been amongst us to our profit and we desire that we may keep so near Him that we will not miss the smallest intimation of His will.

We have had the subject of Temperance prominently before us and it has received the careful attention of the Meeting, which has sent down a recommendation to Monthly Meetings to place no one in any official station in the Church who uses either intoxicants, tobacco or narcotics habitually; and resolved to do all in its power to help to suppress the Manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors from our land.

By the reports of Committees having charge of the several Missionary enterprizes of our Meeting, we learn that they have been pursued with vigor the past year, and important results have been accomplished. The report from the Syrian Mission was full of interest and called for earnest work on our part.

Our interest for the Freedmen in our country is still holding a prominent place in our Mission work. The prejudice against both race and color makes it difficult to advance them very fast, but we find that they are quite as ready to learn as any white people would be under like circumstances, and they have an interest in helping each other that is really commendable. The Western Indians also claim our sympathy and have our assistance

and the more we do to help these unfortunate ones, the more we find the ability given us to help them, "He that waterth shall himself be watered".

We have the very acceptable company of quite a number of ministering Friends with us and would acknowledge with thanksgiving the goodness of our Heavenly Father in thus shewing us His mercy by sending them to cheer us on our way.

Finally brethren farewell, Desiring that Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ may abound toward you and you keep alive in the ever blessed Gospel of Christ, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall
Clerk.

To New York

Epistle to New York

Dear friends.

Our hearts are tendered as we gather once again in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting at the evidence of our Heavenly Father's loving care of us in sending his servants amongst us and kind words of encouragement we have received from them, and the Epistles sent to us.

Among the varied interests of our Yearly Meeting it has been a source of great satisfaction and joy to receive the first report of our own workers at Ramallah, giving account of good work done and a growing interest in the Schools. We already feel that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Our hearts are enlarged as we enter into more active sympathy with the workers in the Bible lands, who in the name of the dear Master, are preaching the blessed Gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, relieving suffering, encouraging the weak, and strengthening the hands of those who are trying to walk in the better way.

We have felt the need of a stronger protest against the use of intoxicating liquors, tobacco and other narcotics. Our members have been encouraged to discountenance these evils which destroy the peace

of homes and the manhood of our nation.

The subject of Bible Schools has claimed our attention. The Committee's report has been read with satisfaction, shewing an increased interest. We hope to create a livlier interest in our Bible Schools. We feel the need of good Society lesson helps, that our youth may be rightly instructed upon the foundation truths of our beloved Society.

The present time is one in which we need to be very much in earnest in our advocacy of the subject of Peace. The large appropriations which are being called for to increase the army and navy, are matters of great concern to us, constituting as they do the very elements of danger in fostering the war spirit.

The labors of our Gospel Committee have been greatly blessed to the saving of precious souls, and the strengthening of believers in the faith of the dear Son of God. We have evidenced the power of God in that he disposes the hearts of His servants, and directs their foot-steps, so that those in the ministry are found working together in harmony, for the promotion of the truth that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

The Lord Jesus as Head over His Church by His spirit guiding and teaching each one of His believing children is calling and leading into holiness, and we are found praising His dear name that so many are coming into the joyous experience of sanctification through faith.

We rejoice in the brotherhood of believers, and our hearts go out to you in love and sympathy in all the varied interests of your Yearly Meeting. May the borders of Christ's kingdom thus be enlarged and we all be workers together with Him, who loved the Church and gave himself for it.

Beloved - press on. He who is our Master has said "Lo I am with you alway, even to the end of the world."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

William O. Newhall

Clerk.

Epistle to Baltimore Yearly Meeting

To Baltimore

Dear friends:

As we have met again at Newport we have realized and unusual absence of those whose service of prayer in the Church Militant has been changed for that of eternal praise in the Church Triumphant. In this respect our hearts have felt the kindred vibrations of sorrow which have been yours to share in recent years; but we "sorrow not" as "others which have no hope". The honest heart work and Gospel greetings of our departed ones, still brightens our pathway, and in their change of worlds, we realize how little there is that has died, and how much there is that lives.

We are thankful for the evidence afforded that the preparing hand of the Lord is upon others who are being qualified and anointed for His service, so that our ranks are not being closed but filled.

Our reports of the Mission at Ramallah Palestine come to us with unusual interest and encouragement and so much in line with the long cherished desire of our dear departed friend Eli Jones. The safe return to us of our friends William and Susan T. Thompson, and their account of their visit in the Bible Land has caused us to feel nearer to the work of building again the old waste places and reviving the work of the Lord in that land of such precious history.

The Freedmans Normal Institute at Maryville Tenn, is shewing increased usefulness, and the added benevolence of our late dear friend Benjamin F. Knowles will encourage the prosecution of that work in the direction of Christian Citizenship for our colored brethren.

Our Bible School and Home Mission Committees presented good Reports and an address by Professor Harris of Haverford quickened us to a sense of duty in searching the original text for our better settlement in the harmony of the inward and outward testimony favorable to the truth as it is in Jesus.

We have prepared a memorial and addressed the Peace Congress to be held in London this year and appointed three delegates to attend it. In this advancing cause of Peace we feel thankful for fellowship

with you in gladness of heart over the public utterances of great men and statesmen towards the final abolition of war.

We can join with you dear friends in praise to God for our religious education on these lines of Progressive Christian activity and may the God of Peace draw us nearer to himself by His sanctifying Spirit and bless you and us in every good word and work for His glory.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall,
Clerk.

To North Carolina.

Epistle to North Carolina

Dear friends.

Again we are assembled in our annual Meeting to transact the affairs of our Society and we would greet our brethren of the like precious faith in love and Christian fellowship.

We find on looking over our statistics that the number of our members has slightly increased since last year, and the earnestness and devotion manifested by our members gives assurance that there is a growth in the best things, which gives us renewed courage to believe that our branch of the Church, will, by Divine Grace be sustained.

We have at this time with us several dear friends in the ministry from other Yearly Meetings who have cheered us on our way. Your Epistle of last Eighth Month has just reached us bringing very encouraging accounts of your welfare. It is pleasant to know of our friends prosperity, for when one member rejoices all the members may rejoice with it.

Our Mission work has taken much of our time in this Meeting, as it has grown on our hands until they seem nearly full. The accounts from Ramallah are encouraging us to persevere in the work although it calls for a large amount of funds to sustain it. The Western Indians still claim our attention and the Freedmen in Tennessee are willing to receive considerable assistance.

The subject of Temperance has been brought before us and has awakened a very strong solicitude that something might be done to lessen or utterly stay the use of all intoxicants. The use of them is so debasing to the human mind, body and soul, and so many have been deceived thereby, and no one the better for its use, that we have earnestly desired that the manufacture, sale and use thereof might be entirely prohibited.

We are strongly urged in the scriptures to keep clean and also are told if the inside is clean the outside will be clean also. Our Meeting has felt so strongly upon the subject that it has sent down to the Monthly Meetings the advise "to put no one in any official position who uses habitually, either intoxicating liquors tobacco or other narcotics."

And now being greatly desirous that you may be abundantly blessed of Him whose blessing maketh truly rich and where unto no sorrow is added, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall,
Clerk.

To Ohio

Epistle to Ohio.

Dear friends

As laborers together with God we greet you. Many have come to our annual feast with the desire that God's power might be manifested and His name glorified. Others with intense longing in their souls for pure hearts and the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

The Gospel of our blessed Redeemer has been preached in the power of the Holy Ghost. The voice of praise, prayer and testimony of God's children has had no uncertain sound, but the shout of a King has been in our midst. The sweet messages of Christian love and fellowship, contained in the Epistles from other Yearly Meetings have refreshed and encouraged us, and were like the dew of Hermon to our souls.

Temperance has received a prominent place in our Meetings and the Church has been earnestly exhorted to "do something" to help remove from our land the curse that has been so instrumental in breaking the hearts of wives and mothers, making victims of innocent children and sending husbands and fathers

to untimely graves. The use of tobacco especially by Christian parents has been under careful consideration, not only as hurting their influence, but as resulting in physical injury to their offspring.

We have received interesting accounts from Friends Mission at Ramallah, and from the Western Indians, and have said in our hearts, Oh, if each member of the great Church of God on earth, would be obedient to the Divine command, the day would be hastened "when the knowledge of the Lord should cover the earth as the waters do the sea".

We have heard the words which Paul spoke to certain disciples at Ephesus "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" The great need of the Church is this baptism. We may go forth to battle, but we cannot expect to gain the victory without it; and as of old, when Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands, Israel prevailed, even so in our own day, let the Church hold up the hands of those who go out in the Lord's service, and encourage those that are young in the ministry, that "the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified".

We also need to be filled with love, which will make us tender towards all of God's children, remembering the words of the Apostle "and now abideth faith, hope and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love". And although we may "speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love" we are "become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymball". It was love that brought our dear Savior to earth, and now He is shedding His love abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Oh! do we realize "the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God". Paul urged sinners to repentance by "the terror of the Lord" and besought believers to accept sanctification "by the mercies of God".

The last words of our lamented father in the Church Eli Jones, to a member of his family were "Preach the whole Gospel". May the Church of God do it. "Not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in

demonstration of the spirit and of power".

Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
Anna G. Wood } Clerks

To Indiana

Epistle to Indiana

Dear friends.

We greet you in the name of our common Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. Your Epistle setting forth the various forms of service in which you are engaged, and indicating your fervor and faithfulness in that service, has afresh encouraged our hearts in the Lord.

We rejoice that He so graciously leads you with precious evidences of His tender care. We praise Him that he has so abundantly blessed your efforts for the salvation of souls, and added so much to your membership. We crave that you may be so filled with His love, His power, and His wisdom, as to meet this new responsibility in a manner worthy of the Church which He has purchased with His own blood, and that your labors of love, in every field to which He calls you, may yet more abound unto His glory.

We note with gratitude the manifest presence of our great Shepherd in our assembly as now gathered. He has brought to us by anointed messengers from other Yearly Meetings the ever new and joyous message of His love, and has enabled us to transact our business with a reverent desire to honor Him in all things. He has given us the pleasure of greeting our dear friends William and Susan T. Thompson, who have thought it right to spend a short time with their friends in New England before completing their work in foreign lands. The work entrusted to us in Ramallah, in the Freedmen's Normal Institute, in

Providence Boarding School and Oak Grove Seminary, in our Bible School work, and our Temperance work, has all been blessed during the year with gratifying results, and appears in excellent condition. The same may be said of our work among the Western Indians.

Though the amount of Gospel labor within the limits of our Yearly Meeting seems to have been less than in some former years, we are thankful for many evidences of an increasing desire among our members for greater knowledge of Divine truth and for effectual Christian service. The increasing interest of many of our younger is especially gratifying.

As we consider the whitened fields within our own borders we are constrained to say in the words of the Apostle, "Brethren pray for us, that the word of God may have free course and be glorified even as it is with you".

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall
Clerk

Epistle to Western Yearly Meeting.

To Western.

Dear friends.

As your fellow-workers bound together by a common faith and laboring for the same great ends, we extend to you cordial and Christian greetings.

It is with pleasure we have listened we have listened to your Epistle and those of other Yearly Meetings. These communications show that in the desire to extend the kingdom of our Lord and to fulfil the mission He has laid upon us we are all actuated by the same motives. We have welcomed at this time the faithful and earnest workers who have come to us from the different Yearly Meetings. Their intercourse with us in spiritual matters has been very helpful, and we have been profited by an interchange of views with them in regard to ways of advancing the general work of

the Society. Among the reports of the various standing Committees, the one on Temperance called forth a hearty response, expressive of the vital interest that is felt in the abolition of intoxicating liquors and narcotics. We desire to assert ourselves as allied against these forces of darkness.

The subject of Peace was brought to our notice by the report of the Committee, and we realize that too much emphasis cannot be put upon our principles in this regard. Delegates were appointed to attend the Inter-National Peace Conference to be held in London next month. A very interesting and encouraging report has been received from our Mission at Ramallah, Palestine, now under the charge of a devoted Friend from our own Yearly Meeting. We have a strong interest in this work that was begun by our beloved friends Eli and Sybil Jones. We miss at this time the kind face and earnest counsel of Eli Jones, and much expression is given of our sense of the loss we sustain in his death.

During the year many of our workers have been called to the reward of their faithfulness. We desire that we also may run with patience the race that is set before us.

In taking up our appointed work we appreciate the help that comes to us from the increasing loyalty of our young people. There is among them an evident love for the principles of Friends and a spirit of true consecration to the Master.

In our consideration of Bible School work we received valuable instruction and help from our friend J. Rendell Harris.

The efforts of the Committee on Gospel Work have been blessed to the bringing in of souls to the kingdom of the Master, and to the enlarging of our own borders.

May the evangelistic zeal that characterized the founders of Quakerism be ours also, and may we make much of our privileges as witnesses of the Lord. The gospel of Fox, was the gospel of Paul and it is just as necessary now as ever in the history of the Church.

Quakerism is adapted to the world's crying needs As long as sin abounded we must proclaim that grace doth much more abound.

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and stablish you in every good word and work."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall,
Clerk.

To Iowa Yearly Meeting

To Iowa

Dear friends.

Although many miles separate Iowa and New England Yearly Meetings, we realize the fact that "there is a tie that binds our hearts in Christian Love together;" which only can be begotten by the Holy Ghost in the heart and life of the Militant Church. Very clearly are we made sensible of this truth as these documents from sister Yearly Meetings come before us for our consideration in the form of Epistles from loving hands with expressions of love and sympathy in the work which lies very near and dear to all our hearts, viz:— The spread of the everlasting Gospel of the Son of God.

Our annual feast has been marked by the power and influence of the Holy Spirit in our various sessions from the very beginning and we can join with the Psalmist in the exclamation "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

We ought to praise our Heavenly Father that we can be thus united— for in union there is strength in carrying forward this glorious work under the leadership of our Living Head.

May there be such an entire abandonment of self to Christ that He may sanctify us wholly to his work and service, that all the will of God may be wrought out in all our lives; God

working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight. We are glad to know that our little branch of Christ's Church with new life and power springing up within her borders has gone to work — vote and live as she prays, knowing full well that the only way to build up our Zion and gather unto Christ is "to show forth His salvation from day to day".

We are very thankful to our Father in Heaven for the aggressive work that has been and is still going on within our limits and for the degree of unity that exists between the old and young, and with prophetic vision we can see the time when the little leven that is now working will soon leven the whole body and we shall come to see eye to eye in this great movement, which has for its end and object the sanctification and edification of believers and the conversion of the world to Christ.

The organized evangelistic work in this Yearly Meeting is only in its infancy and we do not believe that we have yet perfected the best methods for carrying on this branch of the work. We need more money and more consecrated workers, and it might be said a better system of work — in order to make it what it might and ought to be in the hands of this Yearly Meeting; yet we have great reason to praise the Lord that there has been even a small gain.

Very interesting reports have been read at this time from Friends Boarding School at Providence, R.I. and from Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro, Maine, that speak well for their educational and spiritual work.

Much stress has been brought to bear upon the membership of this Yearly Meeting that we remain firm and loyal to our principles, which were and are God given, that have exerted such a wide spread influence upon the world in moulding its character and educating it according to the Gospel as preached by Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the report that comes to us at this time from Ramallah, Palestine, of the good work that is going on under the auspices of our Yearly Meeting.

The Training Home for girls more than meets our expectations. We feel truly thankful for the interest manifested and help given by many of your members in connection with this department of the work.

Let us watch unto prayer that this Missionary work may go on until the kingdoms of the earth shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

Commending you to the watchful care of the unslumbering Shepherd of souls we would exclaim in the words of Paul "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall,
Clerk.

To Canada.

Epistle to Canada Yearly Meeting.

Dear friends.

It is with renewed thankfulness to the great Head of the Church that we are again permitted to meet as a Yearly Meeting, and again to contemplate the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father who hath thus enabled a large number of our members to assemble in His name, at this, our Annual Convocation. And we are again moved to a deep acknowledgment of His great love towards us, in that He hath vouchsafed to us the precious favor of His Divine presence.

In thus coming together we are reminded afresh of the Omnipotence of God, and the utter helplessness of man without a Savior, and of the offer of salvation through Christ, our help and our Redeemer.

We have also been lead to contemplate the uncertainty of time to us, by taking note of the number of our dear friends who have been called from works to rewards since our last Yearly Meeting. An unusual number of those who have stood as pillars in the Church, and

who have been valiant for the truth, have passed from time to eternity, and have been called as we reverently believe to go up higher; there to enjoy the unspeakable blessings of the heavenly abode.

We have on this occasion the acceptable company of a goodly number of ministering Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whom we cordially welcome in the love of Christ.

Your kind and loving Epistle of the Seventh Month last was duly received, and has been read, together with others from Sister Yearly Meetings, much to our edification and comfort. We believe that these interchanges of thought and feeling by those of the same precious faith, whether by written communications, or by the presence of the Lord's servants, are calculated to exert a salutary influence upon us as a people, and to bind us more closely in the bonds of Christian love and sympathy - remembering as we must, that "one is our Master even Christ," and all we are brethren.

Our hearts have been cheered by the lively interest manifested in all kinds of Christian work. The Mission work both Home and Foreign, is more and more engaging the attention of our Yearly Meeting. Very interesting reports have been read at this time of the prosperous condition of the Syrian Mission - of the growing importance of our work with the Freedmen in Tennessee - and our increasing interest in promoting the welfare of the Western Indians - these and many smaller concerns have been earnestly engaged in by many of our members - by the use of their money - by their personal labors and by their prayers; and the Lord has been graciously pleased to show them very gratifying results.

The great evil of Intemperance has been a subject of much concern at this time, and our Yearly Meeting has evinced a renewed determination that it will by Divine assistance put forth still greater efforts in assisting in the suppression of this gigantic evil; and to use its earnest endeavors to secure such legislation as shall prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

In conclusion dear friends, may the Father of all our sure mercies be with you in every good word and work — and may we with you be enabled to do our days work while it is called to-day.

We remain your friends in Christ.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William A. Newhall,
Clerk.

To Kansas.

Epistle to Kansas Yearly Meeting.

Dear friends.

We greet you in the love of Him who has redeemed us. We humbly acknowledge our responsibility to Him, in that He has associated us together in His good providence for the purpose of carrying forward his blessed work of love and redemption, and for the building up of His kingdom of truth and righteousness.

Aspiring to be His friends in fact as well as in name by the doing of His commandments. May we seek to be baptized more and more into the character of our Lord, and to know of that divine harmony, through grace, which gives to the disciple and to the organized Society an active, progressive, broadening love and peace.

The Epistles received this year have been interesting and encouraging. We take pleasure in noting the good which you are doing in various lines, as shown in your Epistle, prominent in which is your advanced position in the great Temperance reform, by which your State is conspicuous before the world. We have this year placed upon our records a pledge, to use our utmost efforts in favor of prohibition, and have given very pointed and emphatic advise to all our members, to give up entirely the use of tobacco.

Our Meeting has been large, and there has been a marked attention to the preaching of the Gospel, and an earnestness of interest in the transaction of the business. Our excellen educational Institutions at Providence, R.I. and Vassalboro, Maine.

give good report of themselves. They are well conducted and have an increasing power. Our Normal School at Maryville, Tennessee, for the education of colored youth is also well supported and prosperous.

The Mission station at Ramallah, Palestine, is now under the care of a beloved Minister of our Meeting, Huldah H. Leighton, with whom we are in full accord and sympathy, and we hint that we shall be able to so support her, that the Lords designs may be accomplished in giving us that distant but fruitful field.

Evangelization and pastoral care in our limits are subjects of deep interest with us, and while there is a difference of conviction as to methods, harsh judgment is avoided, and there is much individual prayer that the Lord may show us how we may give the essential truths of the Gospel the most permanent lodgement in the thought and life of men.

The critical position of the Western Indians in their transition into citizenship, is a subject of deep concern and we desire to labor unitedly with you to secure such legislation and to so lift public sentiment, that justice may be done to them.

Your printed Epistle which has come to us as well as to other Yearly Meetings proposing a permanent central conference with delegated powers has been read and considered. We have frankly to say that the arrangement does not meet with our approval. We appreciate your kindness and the labor you have bestowed upon the subject and the purity of your motives, and we desire that the simple Gospel bond of our union may grow stronger by this loving interchange of views.

May the Lord bless you and make you fruitful in every good word and work.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall,
Clerk.

Minutes 1891

Opening Minute. 1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 12th, 1891.

Names of Representatives. 2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz

From Rhode Island — Samuel R. Buffinton, Robert P. Gifford, Benjamin Greene, Henry C. Aydelott, Daniel Meader, Lemuel Chace, Augustine Jones, Charles A. Chace, Charles W. Earle, Obadiah Chace, Robert B. Hanson, Joseph H. Atwater, William H. Beale and Joseph E. Macomber.

From Salem — George A. Crosman, William O. Newhall, William P. Pinkham, Owen Dame, Cyrus Jones, Thomas Wood, Olney S. Meader, John H. Crosman, Stephen R. Rogers, George L. Crosman, Joseph Cartland, Albert C. Hill, Lebbeus Hill, Walter B. Allen, Ezra Hawkes and Charles H. Thorndike.

From Sandwich — Gideon Wood, Edward G. Dillingham, Joseph Ewer, Joshua L. Macomber, Thomas F. Hafford, Seth S. Swift, David Kelley, Arnold G. Tripp, William P. Macomber, Stephen R. Wing, Gideon K. Howland and John C. Taylor.

From Falmouth — Reuben T. Jones, John H. Hall, Lewis M. Douglas, Frederic Jones, Charles M. Jones, Nathan Douglas, Isaiah Douglas, John J. Frye, Charles A. Nichols and George H. Farr.

From Smithfield — Isaac Steere, Richard Battey, David B. Wheeler, D. Wheeler Swift, William Aldrich, James G. Arnold and Sylvester S. Aldrich.

From Vassalboro — Clement R. Jones, William H. Cates, James A. Cook, James C. Pierce, James M. Estes, Alfred H. Jones and Rufus M. Jones.

From Dover — Timothy B. Hussey, William P. Jenkins, Albert C. Buffum, William P. Tuttle, Eli Meader, Job Varney, George Estes and John C. Nutter.

From Fairfield — Joseph E. Briggs, Levi Jones, J. Warren Hawkes, Jesse McPherson, Henry Winslow, David J. Douglas, Isaac Winslow and George B. Wing.

From Parsonsfield — Russell Hoag, Joseph Kennick, John B. Cartland, Silas C. Cartland, Addison Spalding and James Cartland, whose names being called they were present except-

Representatives

ent except 16. sixteen, for the absence of ten of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

inute 58 of last 3. The attention of the Meeting being called to Minute 58 of last year's
r amended. Minutes, it is concluded to so amend the same by the insertion of the word "portion" after the word "which" so that the Minute shall read as follows, viz:—

"The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting, except that portion relating to Henry C. Aydelott's publishing a pamphlet without asking the advice, and obtaining the concurrence of that Meeting; on account of questioned jurisdiction, which portion is hereby declared to be null and void."

inisters from 4. We have at this time the acceptable company of Edward
her Yly Mtgs G. Wood, from New York Yearly Meeting; David E. Sampson, from
present. North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Calvin W. Prichard, from Western Yearly Meeting; John J. Hoover and his wife Mary J. Hoover and Pliny Fry from Iowa Yearly Meeting; and Elias Jessup, from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

ompanions to 5. We have also the acceptable company of Emma
inisters. Sampson, an Elder, companion to her husband, David E. Sampson, and Mary C. Fry, companion to her husband Pliny Fry, with satisfactory credentials from their friends at home.

an to prepare 6. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance
eturning Minutes. of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following named friends, viz:- Henry C. Aydelott, William P. Tuttle, David J. Douglas, Rufus M. Jones, George H. Fair and Timothy B. Hussey, who are requested to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends and report at a future sitting.

Epistles rec.d 7. Epistles have been received at this time from all the
from other Yly Mtgs Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except London. Those from Ireland, New York, Baltimore and North Carolina have been read, the reading of the others is deferred to our next sitting.

Com appd to nom indt a Com on Correspondence.

8. We appoint our friends Alfred H. Jones, Joseph S. Anthony, Herbert A. Skinner, Isaac Steere, Daniel C. Maxfield, Timothy B. Hussey and Gideon Wood, a Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence. They are desired to report at our afternoon sitting.

Com to audit Treasurer's acct.

9. We appoint Herbert A. Skinner, Owen Dame, William H. Cates, Lewis M. Douglas, Eli Meader, Levi Jones, Benjamin A. Chace, Sylvester S. Aldrich, John B. Cartland and William P. Davis, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date: to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also a Friend for Treasurer of the Providence School Funds.

Com to prepare Summary Ans.

10. We appoint William P. Macomber, Charles Sisson, Samuel Buffum, Henry C. Ovis, Caleb Jones and Isaac Winslow, a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at a future sitting.

Yearly Meeting stock paid.

11. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay, to the Treasurer of this Meeting, their proportion of stock called for last year.

Changes Reported in Quarterly Meetings

12. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Anthony and Mary Arnold to the station of Elder, with Swansea Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Sarah H. Ovis; with Providence Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of John H. Meader, Thomas Chace and Thomas J. Battey to the station of Elder, and in the appointment of Eleven Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight: Benjamin F. Knowles, an Elder and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 18th 1890, aged 77 years, 7 months and 14 days; Edward W. Collins, a Minister and member of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 6th 1890, aged 64 years, 3 months and 18 days; Ruth Ann Collins, an Elder and member of

the same Meeting, died Twelfth Month 15th 1890, aged 76 years, 6 months and 3 days; and that Hopkinton Mid-week Meeting has been discontinued.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Charles Howard Atkins, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of William Henry Butler, and in the appointment of nine Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Abby W. Pratt, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 31st 1890, aged 86 years, 1 Month and 7 days; Clement R. Hanson, a Minister and member of the same Meeting, died Fourth Month 5th 1891, aged 41 years, 1 month and 4 days; Soviah Folsom, an Elder and member of Amesbury Monthly Meeting, died First Month 9th 1891, aged 89 years, 2 months and 22 days; John Paige, a Minister and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 19th 1891, aged 79 years, 4 months and 19 days; and that Martha N. Hunt, a Minister, has been received by certificate from Sand Creek Monthly Meeting, Western Yearly Meeting by Salem Monthly Meeting.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Susan J. Thompson, and in the appointment of Fifty three Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Arnold Gifford, an Elder and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died Seventh Month 3d 1890, aged 80 years 1 month and 22 days; Joseph Hoxie, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Twelfth Month 12th 1890, aged 92 years, 1 month and 13 days; Elizabeth Gifford, a Minister also a member of the same Meeting, died Second Month 17th 1891, aged 90 years and 6 months; Charity H. Moore, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Third Month 11th 1891, aged 75 years, 3 months & 11 days.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united in the appointment of six Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Augustus F. Cox, an Elder and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 9th 1891, aged 67 years.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Mary A. Randall, an Elder and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting, died First Month 18th 1891, aged 89 years, 5 months and 29 days; that it has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Deborah P. Atherton to the station of Elder, and in the appointment of seven Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; that the time of holding Woonsocket Mid-week Meeting has been changed to 3.30, P. M.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Rufus M. Jones; that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Albert Jenkins, Abbie P. Jenkins, Henry Hanson and Sarah Hanson to the station of Elder, and with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Albert Pinkham to the same station. Lydia Shepherd, a Minister and member of China Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 18th 1890, aged 91 years, 3 months and 1 day; John C. Varney, an Elder, and member of the same Meeting, died Seventh Month 6th 1890, aged 65 years, 7 months and 28 days. Lucy Whitehouse, a Minister and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership at her own request.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lydia E. Sawyer and Job Varney to the station of Elder, and in the appointment of two Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that George Richardson, a Minister and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, died Seventh Month 2nd 1890, aged 82 years, 11 months and 15 days; Arnold B. Gifford, a member of the same Meeting, has been released from the station of Elder at his own request; Joseph H. Pratt, a Minister and member of Winthrop Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 25th 1890, aged 74 years and 7 months; that it has united in the appointment of 23 Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Mtg adjourned. Adjourned to meet at 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Mtg assembled. Afternoon met pursuant to adjournment.

Clerks appd. 13. Owen Dame, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey, and J. Warren Hawkes for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they were accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

Remaining Epistles read. 14. The Epistles from Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings were now read.

on Corres-dence appd. 15. The Committee appointed for that purpose, presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which is approved by the Meeting, as follows, viz:— Gideon Wood, John H. Crosman, Alfred H. Jones, Samuel Buffum, William P. Macomber, James M. Estes, George A. Barton, Rufus M. Jones, Arthur Jones, Daniel C. Maxfield, William T. Hussey, George L. Crosman, William P. Pinkham, Robert P. Gifford, Isaac Stere, Joseph S. Anthony, Henry C. Aydelott, I. Warren Hawkes, Charles M. Jones, Olney T. Meader, Sumner G. Williams and Caleb Jones.

opositions m Yly Mtgs. 16. The following propositions were received at this time from Indiana, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings, viz:—

From Indiana Yearly Mtg:

om Indiana. "This Meeting has granted three of our Quarterly Meetings in the State of Ohio the privilege of holding a Yearly Meeting at Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, to be opened in the Eighth Month, 1892, and to be known as Wilmington Yearly Meeting, and we ask your approbation and co-operation in its establishment.

Taken from the Minutes,

Allen Terrell Clerk."

om Iowa. From Iowa Yearly Meeting:

"Upon a proposition being introduced to establish a Conference of Yearly Meetings, we appoint the following Friends to have the matter in care in conjunction with Committees of other Yearly Meetings that may be appointed, and report next year, and they are directed to draw on the Treasurer to meet any necessary expense: Ison P. Wooton, Rebecca Lewis, William Jasper Hadley, John F. Hanson and Abbie G. Mendenhall.

Taken from the Minutes of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends held from the 9th to the 16th inclusive of Ninth Month, 1890.

W. Jasper Hadley } Clerks."
Mary S. Thomas }

From Kansas. From Kansas Yearly Meeting:

"The Committee to whom was referred the questions involved in the proposed change of our corporate name from 'Kansas Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends' to 'Kansas Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church' report that while they think the change desirable, yet they believe that it is best that there be a concert of action in the matter

in all the Yearly Meetings."

Committee appd. on propositions of other Yly Mtgs.

Whereupon we appoint Owen Dame, William P. Macomber, Augustine Jones, David B. Wheeler, Samuel Buffum, Henry F. Newell, Caleb Jones, Levi Jones and John B. Cartland a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends and take the several propositions into serious consideration, and report at a future sitting.

Statistical acct of Members.

17. The Statistical Accounts, received from our Quarterly Meting were now read and are as follows, viz:—

	Number reported last year	Error in last year's report Gain	Error in last year's report Loss	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present number of members
Rhode Island	835	0	0	6	14	21	22	22	5	8	0	843
Salem	702	0	1	4	17	16	16	14	6	0	6	696
Sandwich	588	0	0	2	16	4	5	6	1	0	10	578
Falmouth	573	0	1	8	10	6	9	10	6	0	2	571
Smithfield	356	0	1	3	11	0	5	9	9	0	14	342
Vassalboro	500	0	0	3	9	6	0	2	6	0	4	496
Dover	211	0	9	1	5	2	0	1	5	0	15	196
Fairfield	547	0	0	4	13	0	8	9	2	0	10	537
Parsonsfield	156	0	0	2	1	2	5	3	0	1	0	157
Total	4468	0	12	33	96	57	70	76	40	9	61	4416
Net Loss											52	

Statistical acct of children.

Statistics of Children

	Number of Children between 4 & 21	Number between 12 & 21	Number attending School	Number attending School taught or instructed by Friends	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends between 12 and 21
Rhode Island	146	86	107	18	13
Salem	118	68	100	13	5
Sandwich	78	41	42	14	11
Falmouth	103	50	81	9	9
Smithfield	34	23	23	3	3
Vassalboro	72	52	40	21	20
Dover	24	12	21	2	1
Fairfield	53	36	48	7	4
Parsonsfield	32	17	25	8	3
Total	660	385	487	95	69

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19. The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which having been read, was referred to our next session for further consideration.

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Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 O'clock.

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Seventh-day Morning, the 13th, the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

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20. The Report of the Committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund being further considered, is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year, with the substitution of Susan Peckham for Rebecca H. Smiley, whose absence and poor health prevents her attention to this service.

The Report is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund would report, That one hundred and fifty eight copies of "Friends Review" have been distributed.

Two hundred and ten copies of the life of "Eli and Sybil Jones" have been purchased and ten of them sent to Syria. Fifteen dollars have been expended in carefully selected works sent to Friends Mission at Ramallah, to help form the nucleus of a library at that Mission.

One hundred copies of "The Early Christian Church and other Essays," by Thomas Kimber, have been purchased from the New York Book and Tract Committee.

The balance on hand has been reserved by the Committee, to be used before the payment of the interest on the Fund.

Sarah Marble
Clerk.

Portland, Me. 6th Mo 14th, 1891.

Treasurer's report f Mosher Fund

21. H. H. Mosher Fund — Treasurer's account.

Receipts

Balance from last year's account	$109.42
Received from Trustees	630.16
" interest on Savings Bank, deposit	2.22
	$741.80

Payments.

Sample books	7.92
158 Copies "Friend's Review".	235.75
210 " "Life and Work of Eli and Sybil Jones"	189.75
100 " "Early Christian Church"	80.00
Sundry Books for Ramallah	14.74
Express and Postage	5.95
Balance to New account	207.69
	$741.80

J. E. Paige, Treasurer.

Lynn Mass 6th Mo 5th, 1891.

Names of Com on Mosher Fund Income.

Committee on income of the Mosher Fund. Alfred H. Jones, John Ellwood Paige, Ruth R. Murray, Esther Jones, J. Warren Hawkes, Susan Peckham and Sarah Marble.

Trustees report of Mosher Fund.

22. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The income for the year ending Sixth Month, 1891, has been,—

From the Boston City Bond	$500.00
" New Bedford Institution for Savings	38.38
" Lynn " " "	91.78
	$630.16

To J. E. Paige, Treasurer of the Publishing Committee $630.16

Present condition of Mosher Fund

The Fund is invested in:

City of Boston 5% Bond	$10,000.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	950.87
Lynn " " "	2,272.51
	$13,223.38

For the Trustees,

C. F. Coffin, Trustee.

Lynn Mass 6th Mo 10th, 1891.

Explanatory note of Trustees of Mosher Fund.

Note— The premium paid for the Boston Registered 5% Bond, having been fully made up by adding a portion of income to the principal for several years, the entire income of the Fund has this year been paid to the Treasurer of the Committee on Income of the Mosher Fund

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23. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting approved.

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24. The Committee to aid a member of our Society from the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in care of the Friend from the British Provinces report that they have attended to the duty assigned them. The last year's appropriation has been applied towards furnishing this dear friend with a comfortable home and support, for which he continues to feel truly grateful.

Though of great age and feeble in body, his health is fairly good, his mind clear, and his soul filled with glowing hope.

We would recommend that $125. be appropriated for his comfort and support the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Committee,
Alfred H. Jones,
Hannah J. Bailey.

Portland, Me. 6th Month, 1891.

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25. An Epistle from Ramallah Monthly Meeting, Palestine, was now read to our satisfaction.

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26. The subject of a new apportionment claiming the attention of the Meeting, it was concluded to refer the same to the Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

Request from alem 2d Mtg.

27. Salem Quarterly Meeting proposes as follows, viz:—"We request the Yearly Meeting that it revise, or interpret more clearly that portion of Discipline relating to the appointment of Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, found on page 100, beginning "There should also be appointed in each Monthly Meeting" etc., which is referred to the Representatives.

Request from Dover 2d Mtg.

28. Dover Quarterly Meeting proposes as follows, viz:—"This Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to so change our Discipline that the names of those of our members who have joined other religious denominations may be dropped from our records, and they released from membership with us without the appointment of a Committee to visit such."

which is referred to the Representatives.

Adjourned. Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Assembled in Joint Session. Afternoon.— The Meeting assembled in joint Session pursuant to adjournment.

Proposition from Fairfield Qu. Mtg. 29. Fairfield Quarterly Meeting proposes as follows, viz:— "This Meeting is united in requesting that the following changes in place be made in the holding of our Quarterly Meeting,— that the Meetings in Fifth Month be held at Manchester, instead of Fairfield, and those in Ninth Month held at St Albans, instead of Manchester as at present," which is approved by this Meeting, and the change accordingly made. The Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Providence School Com.ⁿ Report 30. The Committee having charge of Providence School, presented their Annual Report; viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

Another mile-stone in the history of Friends School at Providence, having been passed, the Committee in charge would present their report of the work of the year. They can thankfully acknowledge that it has been a year of blessing no serious illness, no disaster, having been permitted to come near the school.

The number of scholars for the year has been, boarders 145, day students 25, total 170, and the desire to make good use of the opportunities afforded, has perhaps been more general than in some years. The love of knowledge for its own sake, being the motive power of effort, and a very united and harmonious feeling has been apparent.

Realizing as we do, that the most important part of teaching is the building up of character, it has been particularly pleasant to see the interest manifested in religious matters. This has been fostered by the teachers, and has resulted in the formation of a Christian Fellowship Union among the older students. Three times during the year we have been called upon to mourn the loss of valued members of this Committee, James C. Inman, Augustus F. Cox and Rebecca Shere. Through a long connection with

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the management of the School, they have shown their interest by their earnest attention to the duties devolving upon them. The summons to them, came suddenly, but we have the consolation of believing it did not find them unprepared.

The Officers of government and instruction have been:
Augustine Jones, A.M., LL.B., Principal and Political Science.
Fred Johnson Daggett, Governor, English Studies and Calisthenics for boys.
Evelyn Barrow, B.S., Governess and English Studies.
Anna Carroll, A.M., History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.M., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia E. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
Frederick H. Howard, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Charles R. Jacob, Modern Languages.
Hattie Hacker, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Edward F. Robinson, A.M., charge of Boys School-Room.
Annie E. Ewer, Primary Room.
Robert Bonner, Instrumental Music.
Clara E. Rawson, Calisthenics for Girls.
Edward F. Robinson, A.M., Secretary and Book-keeper
Mary A. Gove, Librarian.

Lecturer

Thomas J. Battey, A.M., Natural Science.

Auditors Report for the year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1890.

Receipts.

Charitable Scholarship Fund	$2,100.00
Elizabeth Fry Fund	1,500.00
General Scholarship Fund	8,122.13
Board and Tuition	29,431.64
Day Scholars' Tuition	2,191.12
Auxilliary Studies, use of Pianos, Etc	3,023.09
	$46,367.98

Expenditures.

For Salaries.	$17,200.61
" Wages	9,572.23
Provisions	9,911.32
	$36,684.16

Amount carried over

Amount brought over	$36.684,16
Advertising	1.014.24
Repairs and Renewals	3.478.46
Library	315.64
Water	331.91
Fuel	1.260.71
Light	818.37
Papers and Periodicals	51.61
Incidentals	184.59
Improvements	933.79
Debts considered bad	315.62
Balance to Profit and Loss	978.68
	$46,367.94

Samuel R. Buffinton
James H. Chace } Auditors.
Robert P. Gifford

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School per term, for all who may be admitted be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00, Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by Scholarship from the same Fund, of $25.00. And a further credit to any Member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75.00.

The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German of $10.00; for one year's instruction in pencil drawing, $15.00 for one year's instruction in Mechanical and crayon drawing and painting $30.00.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except; when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one-half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

With the hope that the seed-sowing of the year may result in rich fruitage in the days to come, we would again commend the School to the kindly care of the Yearly Meeting.

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Report of Providence School Com continued.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.
Ruth S. Murray,
Clerk for the day.

Providence, Sixth Month 2nd, 1891.

Note.— The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 9th, 1891. The Spring Term begins Second Month 2nd, 1892, and ends Sixth Month 21st, 1892.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the Meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 11th, 1891.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month 11th, 1891.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence R. I.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, many bearing testimony to the value and efficiency of the Institution. The Meeting feeling that usefulness would result from the appointment of a new Committee, concludes to appoint a Committee to nominate a Committee to have the charge of the Institution the ensuing year, viz:— Thomas Chase, Susan Peckham, Owen Dame, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Joshua L. Macomber, Rachel S. Howland, Charles W. Webber, S. Jane Cox, Saloma C. Wheeler, Isaac Steere, Rufus M. Jones, Etta S. Cates, Samuel Buffum, Anna M. Hussey, Lavinia M. Briggs, Isaac Winslow, Moses L. Cobb and Phebe L. Pope. They are desired to report at a future sitting; they are also requested to nominate a Real Estate Committee, consisting of five members of the School Committee.

Report of Real Estate Com.

31. The Real Estate Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting last year in connection with the Providence School, presented their Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Boarding School Committee, at their Meeting, Eighth Month 12th, 1890, in accordance with minute No 37, year 1889, appointed Olney S. Meader to fill the vacancy in this Committee caused by the death of our dear friend James O. Inman.

We have sold two lots during the past year, one containing 8750 square feet, and the other 65-11 45/100 square feet, the deeds for both having been executed in proper form, but not yet delivered.

The sum of six hundred dollars has been received on account of the purchase money for these two lots, and the other remains at 6% interest until the respective deeds shall have been delivered.

Financial Statement of Real Estate Com.

Financial Statement of Real Estate Committee.

Receipts.

Balance reported last year	$191.65
Received 8th mo 20th, 1890, for one Mortgage note	1.000.00
" " " " " interest on 11 Mortgage notes	330.00
" 11th " 20th " one Mortgage note	1.000.00
" " " " " Interest on one Mortgage note	15.00
" 2d " 20th 1891, one Mortgage note	1.000.00
" " " " " interest on 9 Mortgage notes	270.00
" 5th " " " " One Mortgage note and interest	1.015.00
Total receipts of purchase money on account from sales of two lots,	600.00
	$5.421.65

Expenditures.

Paid to James H. Chace, Treasurer, in cash remittances when funds were received in total, amounting to	$5.230.00
Expenses	77.60
Cash on hand with custodian	114.05
	$5.421.65

Robert P. Gifford
Clerk of Real Estate Com.

Report of Com to transfer Funds from O. Dam to J. H. Chace Treas.

32. The Committee appointed last year to transfer the Providence School Funds and securities then in the hands of Owen Dame, late Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of said Funds, into the hands of James H. Chace, Treasurer of said Funds, and gave the late Treasurer a receipt therefor, report the service performed, and they are now released.

Report of Com on Oak Grove Seminary & Bailey Institute.

33. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute the past year, have presented their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting to the Yearly Meeting our Annual Report, it is with unfeigned pleasure that we acknowledge the gracious goodness and watchful care of our Heavenly Father over the Institution during the school year just closed.

The health of the Board of Instruction and of the Students has, with little exception been remarkably good. Harmony has prevailed throughout.

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The attendance has been larger than any previous year, numbering 131, and characterized by satisfactory success in all the departments of school work.

The Principal well remarks that "The religious condition of the School has been very satisfactory and gratifying. Many of the scholars have found the Savior during the year. Many more have grown into a richer and fuller life with Him. It has been a year of continued advance spiritually, and the Meetings on First and Fourth-days have been greatly blessed."

The Institution is gaining a firm hold on the hearts of the people, is growing in confidence and its influence for good is steadily widening.

The Legislature of Maine, at its last session, recognized the good work being done by it in developing the character of our youth, made an appropriation towards its support of $800 a year for ten years to come.

With feelings of sadness we are called to record the removal by death from our number of our beloved friend Augustus F. Cox, who suddenly departed this life Fourth Month last, at his home in this city. Deeply interested in the Seminary, he desired to see it rise to a high degree of excellence for intellectual and moral culture, and, sparing no pains, he cheerfully and heartily responded to its needs, giving liberally of his time and money.

The following is a list of the Officers of Instruction and Government for the ensuing year.

Rufus M. Jones, A. M., Principal, Languages.
Herbert H. Goddard, A. M., Mathematics.
Georgia B. Birdsall, Ph. B., Governess, History and English.
Sybil Stanley, B. S., Science
* Commercial Department.
Emma R. Goddard, Primary Department.
Sarah H. C. Jones, Care of Household.
Lewis P. Mayo, Instrumental Music.

* Instructor not yet chosen.

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Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 1st 1891.
Winter " " Twelfth " 1st "
Spring " " Third " 1st 1892

All applications for admission to the School should be made to Rufus M. Jones, Principal, Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Vassalboro, Maine,

Report of Com on Oak Grove Semi-nary Continued.

On behalf of the Committee

Charles M. Bailey, Chairman

Alfred H. Jones, Secretary.

Portland, Sixth Month 13th, 1891.

Treasurers Report.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$253.25
Draft from S. R. Buffinton Treasurer Yly Mtg	205.70
Interest on Loans	840.00
Board and tuition	3.626.47
Maine State Treasurer	800.00
	$5.725.42

Expenditures.

Expense (Repairs)	$364.79
Paid for horse	125.00
" " Expense of School	5.171.57
Cash in hands of Treasurer	64.06
	$5.725.42

Funds and securities now in care of Treasurer.

Mortgage notes	$10.000.00
Sybil Jones Fund	643.44
Other notes	3.000.00
Mary E. Austin Fund	3.000.00
N. E. Yearly Meeting note $3000. — $125.	2.875.00
Cash on hand	64.06
	$19.582.50

Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer.

Portland, Me. Sixth Month 13th, 1891.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, and find them correctly cast.

John J. Frye
Hannah J. Bailey } Auditors.

The Report is deeply interesting and encouraging to the Meeting. We now conclude to appoint a new Committee, to whom the interests of the Seminary may be confided the ensuing year; it is also concluded that the nomination of said Committee be referred to the Friends appointed to nominate a Committee for Providence School. The nomination of three Trustees to hold the Trust Funds of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute

is referred to the above Committee. They are also directed to nominate a Friend for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

Adjourned. Adjourned to meet on Second-Day Morning, at 10 O'clock in joint session.

Assembled in joint session. Second-day Morning the 15th. The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

Proposition from Vassalboro 2d. Qy. 34. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting proposes as follows, viz:— "This Meeting is united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of reading and answering the Queries but once a year". which is referred to the Representatives.

Report of Com on Gospel Work. 35. The Report of the Committee on Gospel Work was now presented and read, as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

In making our Report this year, we wish first to acknowledge that the protecting care of our Heavenly Father has been over us, and to express our thankfulness to Him that His guiding hand has been with us, and we have been Divinely helped in the labor of love the Church assigned to us.

Immediately after our appointment we entered upon the discharge of the duties placed upon us, under a deep feeling of the great interests embodied in the appointment, and of the responsibilities that rested upon us in endeavoring to carry out the travail of the Church, to preach the Gospel to every creature; caring for those already in the fold, and that it might be with us as with the infant Church "Then they, having rest, were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost were multiplied" Acts 9:31.

It was the desire of the Committee that every Meeting of Friends in the Yearly Meeting should have a series of Meetings, but owing to the limited number of workers that could devote their time to the work, and various other reasons, there are several Meetings that have not had this great blessing. Of our seventy one Meetings, about fifty have been blessed with some protracted work.

Nearly all of these Meetings are reported to have been a great blessing to the Church. Many of them have been seasons in which the power of the Lord has been manifested to the blessing of many

Report of Com on Gospel Work continued.

souls, awakening whole communities, and causing numbers to seek and find pardon through faith in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. One reports the meetings "the greatest in power and blessing, ever held in that place". Another reports the settlement of old difficulties, and restoring love and unity. Several report the whole Church and community have been roused. Some who had never enjoyed the witness of the spirit, have been soundly converted. Backsliders have been reclaimed and believers have been entirely sanctified.

We feel a delicacy in making definite reports as to the number professing conversion and renewal so that the numbers given do not fully measure the good work accomplished. But from the reports given we learn, viz:-

Number of Meetings visited	75
" " Series of Meetings	37
" " Meetings held	383
" " families visited	419
" " professed conversions	244
" " renewals	272
" sanctified wholly	156
" of renewals in holiness	126
" at our altars seeking the salvation of God.	400
" of requests for membership at these Meetings	15

Some children's meetings and Bible readings, some Temperance Meetings and some in the interest of Foreign Missions are reported.

Several report that there is a looking towards Friends by many in their vicinity, and that requests for membership are expected. Some of our Meetings have closed too soon.

We have endeavored to keep ourselves in close fellowship with the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings' Committees, by correspondence and otherwise, to consult about the service, and the definite needs of their Meetings. And we wish humbly and thankfully to acknowledge the unity and assistance of the Church, and the constantly expressed wish of the workers to labor in unity with the desire of the Committee, very little having occurred to mar the harmony of the work. To the Lord alone be all the praise.

Report of Com. Gospel Work continued.

As a Committee we are brought face to face with the great question that has been, and is, pressing itself with greater or less force upon the Church. How shall the Gospel work that has been done be preserved to the glory of God, and the strengthening of His cause on the earth? Or how shall we most effectually do pastoral service?

How are we to mature, build up, and confirm those whom the service of the Evangelist lays in the lap of the Church? It would seem that his work, beyond the limits of our own Meetings must be stayed until we can find a solution of this great question. With our present system and knowledge, we are hardly able to take care of the lambs in our own immediate fold, and it will not do to go outside to bring forth young which will be left to perish.

We are impressed that the Church should give this subject its best possible thought and effort, to find a system that will meet our pressing needs and bring into service, in a systematic and economical way, the pastoral gifts which the Lord has certainly bestowed.

It becomes us to notice the hand of God, in removing by death two of our ready and faithful helpers, Augustus F. Cox our beloved Chairman and Andrew J. Williams one of our Superintendents, both thoroughly committed to the interest of our cause, who have passed in holy triumph from the battle-fields of earth to the Church Triumphant above.

In thus returning to the Yearly Meeting the trust committed to us, we pray the blessing of the Lord on the work done, and that we may be helped as a Church to do our part in preaching the Gospel to every creature, and in the future reap a harvest from the field so white, to the glory of God.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.
D. J. Douglas, General Supt.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 13th. 1891.

Treasurer's Report of Gospel Committee.

Receipts

Balance from last year	$28.50
Subscriptions	653.60
Winthrop Monthly Meeting	23.25
Swansea Monthly Meeting	10.50
New Bedford " "	28.35
Dover " "	6.00
Amount carried over	$750.20

Report of Com. on Gospel Work continued

Amount brought over	$750.20
Received from Salem Monthly Meeting	21.00
" " Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer.	300.00
	$1,071.20

Expended.

Gospel Work	$1.036.74
Balance on hand	34.46
	$1,071.20

J. E. Briggs, Treasurer.

Supplement to Report of Committee on Gospel Work.
The following statistical report is made up to 6th Mo 1st 1891.

	Rhode Island	Salem	Sandwich	Falmouth	Smithfield	Vassalboro	Dover	Fairfield	Parsonsfield	Total
No. of Meetings in each Qur Mtg	12	11	15	6	7	8	5	7	2	73
" " " discontinued since 1840	12	3	4	4	1	2	6	4	2	38
" " " held in Halls, Schoolhouses, Etc.	6	1	1	6	0	6	0	6	0	26
" " Ministers in each Qur. Mtg.	18	12	15	18	10	17	6	10	6	112
" " Established Mtgs having no resident Minister.	1	1	7	1	2	1	2	0	0	15
" " Members	843	696	578	571	342	496	196	537	157	441.
" " uninterested Members*	189	100	109	101	120	81	76	172	17	965
" " Non Members who make Friends Mtgs their usual place of worship	53	44	60	120	66	135	32	54	34	598
No. of Ministers devoted to Gospel work and disengaged from secular business										5
No. of Mtgs established since 1840.										11

Errors, excepted.

* Those counted in this number are those members over eighteen years of age who seldom or never attend meetings, and do not take any apparent active part in religious work.

Greatest special needs reported. Three Meetings report, more consecration; twelve, more Ministers and Workers: two, more unity; three, the baptism of the Holy Ghost; One, teachers in the Sabbath School; One, more willingness to attend more than one Meeting on the Sabbath; One, liberty for singing in the Morning Meetings; One, deeper work of grace; One, revival; one, Gospel work;

Rept of Com. on Gospel Work continued.

one, more youthful element.

The Report is very interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to appoint Joseph Remick, Phebe L. Pope, Joseph E. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Almira B. Buffum, Frank E. Jones, Sarah E. Varney, Oscar J. Morse, Mary A. Battey, Henry F. Newell, Sarah W. J. McClellan, William P. Macomber, Rebecca D. Ewer, Charles H. Atkins, Sarah A. Hill, Henry C. Aydelott and Ellen K. Buffum a Committee to nominate and present at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Gospel Work the ensuing year.

Rept of Com on Freedmen

36. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South have presented their Annual Report, together with the report of the condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. The Committee is continued for service another year, with the exception of our late dear friend James O. Inman, and Charles F. Coffin released at his own request.

To the Yearly Meeting;

The Maryville Institute opened in the autumn of 1890, and continued through that term of eighteen weeks with larger attendance than usual, and experienced a degree of prosperity in other ways unsurpassed by that of any corresponding months during its history. The aggregate weeks of attendance for students on the George Stinge Fund amounted to 396 4/5, and that of other pupils 1580 2/5.

This large number called for the payment of wages in amount exceeding the Yearly Meeting's appropriation of five hundred dollars, but the deficit was made up by thirty five dollars from the income of the H. C. Camp Fund, and seventeen dollars and ninety-six cents donation.

For the Spring Term it was decided to reduce the aid to students on the George Stinge Fund, so as to admit a larger number, and to admit only such others as were able to meet their own expenses. It was, indeed, no small trial to our Principal, Wm. P. Hastings, and his assistants, to meet such an increased demand for learning with our financial inability to sustain the work. We were thankful, however, that sixty six students were entered on the George Stinge Fund; and others who met their own expenses numbered over thirty.

The aid to students on the George Stinge Fund, for the

Report of Com on Freedmen Continued.

Autumn Term, amounted to —— $682.49
And that for the Spring Term 1.326.14
Other donations were received amounting to 37.04
And mention may be made of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, which was sent elsewhere to the South for Education of Freedmen and Indians, by Friends and others of Amesbury, Mass.

We earnestly hope that Friends of New England Yearly Meeting will prayerfully consider the work we have in hand at the Maryville Institute and that there shall be such practical support rendered as to enable the workers there, to respond to the pressing needs of those whose spirit of helpfulness to help themselves we desire so much to encourage.

Our hearts were saddened in Seventh Month last, by the sudden death of our dear friend James O. Inman, whose counsel was appreciated though he lived but a few days after his appointment.

On behalf of the Committee.
Robert P. Gifford.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 18th., 1891.

Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute.

Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, Maryville, Tennessee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Notwithstanding the drawback in consequence of a lack of funds, the School has been prosperous this year.

Our Sabbath School and Meetings for Worship have been kept up as usual, both through oral instruction by lectuning, etc; and by the distribution of literature.

A visit from Mary A. Maniage Allen, of England, revived the work of last year in the Home Mission Workers' Union, and added several members to the Society.

It may be remembered by some that its members pledge themselves to total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors and tobacco; to refrain from profanity, and to pursue a systematic course of the daily reading of the Scriptures.

Statistics.

Number of days taught	190
" enrolled	211
Per cent of attendance	88

part of the Freedmen's Normal Institute continued.

Number of boarders in the buildings	80
" " teachers in the Training Class	106
" teaching in different States (Estimated)	200
" taught by former students "	10.000
" reading from books	211
" studying Arithmetic	211
" " English Grammar	200
" " Geography	130
" " English Composition	200
" " United States History	75
" " studying Physiology	28
" " Scientific Agriculture	16
" " Natural Philosophy	1
" " Algebra	9
" " geology of Tennessee	12
" " English Literature	8
" " Geometry	1
" " Latin	5
" " Greek	2
" " Rhetoric	5
" graduated in the Elementary Course	4

This annual report is submitted with the earnest hope that the members of New England Yearly Meeting will continue, as in the past, to give this work their moral and material support, for it is through such efforts that the fraternizing of the world is to be effected, and the time hastened when "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

William P. Hastings, Principal.

Sixth Month 15th 1891.

Freedmen's Committee, Joseph E. Briggs, Robert P. Gifford, Gertrude W. Cartland, Hannah J. Bailey, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Augustine Jones and Elizabeth J. Larkin.

part of Trustees Sturge and Knowles Funds.

37. The Trustees of the Sturge and Knowles Funds presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is as follows, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$533.35
Coupons paid Seventh Month 1890	727.50
Amount carried over	$1.260.85

Report of Trustees of Sturge and Knowles Funds continued.

Amount brought over	$1,260.85
Coupons paid First Month, 1891	727.50
Interest on deposit, Sixth Month 1891	17.07
Received from the Henry Camps Fund	25.00
	$2,030.42

Expenditures

Assisted 22 students Fall Term	$682.49
Box in R. I. Safe Deposit Co	15.00
Assisting 66 students, Spring Term	1,326.14
Balance for new account	6.79
	$2,030.42

The Henry C. Camps Fund.

Cash on hand Sixth Month 11th, 1890	$136.83
Dividend Tenth Month 9th, 1890	35.00
" Third " 21st, 1891	35.00
Interest to Fourth Month 30th "	3.01
	$209.84

Paid on account to Wm P. Hastings for services as Principal of the Freedman's Normal Institute	$35.00
Paid to Wm P. Hastings for the use of said Institute by transfer to George Sturge account	25.00
Balance for new account	149.84
	$209.84

On behalf of the Trustees,

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Ellen K. Buffum.

On account of the decease of our dear friend James O. Inman, James H. Chace is appointed one of the Trustees of the Sturge & Knowles Funds. The Trustees are as follows, viz:—

Trustees of Sturge & Knowles Funds

Samuel R. Buffinton, Augustine Jones, Owen Dame, James H. Chace, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ellen K. Buffum and Susan J. Thompson.

Adjourned

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Assembled

Afternoon the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Report of Com on Foreign Missions.

38. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

It is with praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, who has so lovingly guided our

Part of the Com. Foreign Missions continued.

affairs, that we bring to you the interesting report of Haldah H. Leighton, who under the Divine blessing, has done so much towards prospering the Eli and Sybil Jones Mission the past year. She writes —

"In reviewing the work of the year just past we are much encouraged and have much reason to praise and adore our Heavenly Father for His strength and guidance.

We are deeply impressed with the way in which He has been pleased to own and prosper the work of His hand here; while at the same time we are humbled at our own insufficiency and many failings.

Our Meetings on Sabbath day mornings are still carried on with good attendance. We believe leavening process is quietly going on in the minds of many through individual efforts of some of the members.

Our simple, quiet mode of worship and the liberty which is given to all to follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit is making an impression on the minds of some who occasionally attend. We trust that with a few there is a deepening of spiritual life, and an earnest desire to live in accordance with the precepts of the Gospel.

In Second Month of last year when our dear friends, Ruth S. Murray, William and Susan T. Thompson, were with us, all felt that the right time had come for establishing a Friends Meeting, and that such a step would tend to strengthen and help those who claimed to be with us. William Thompson in his Bible talks, from time to time, explained to them which when translated they seemed to understand and unite with. Rules for a Monthly Meeting Etc., were drawn up, united with, and signed by thirty two persons. Thus a Friends Meeting was established, and of this step we can most heartily say there has been no reason to repent. Our Monthly Meetings are held the first Third-day evening in each month. We have a clerk treasurer and two overseers, who attend to their duties in a quiet, orderly manner.

Upon the first Sabbath of each Month there is a collection taken which we are informed is to be kept in the building of a Meeting-house when New England Friends are ready to build. Not only are the people giving from their small means, but are ready, they tell us, to help with their hands when the proper time

comes for building.

May the Lord hasten the day when these people who are so glad to be recognized as Friends will have a comfortable house of worship which they can call their own.

Instead of holding our Sabbath afternoon Meetings in the Western School-house as formerly, they were holden at the houses of our members. In so doing we were able to reach a greater number than we otherwise could have done. In two or three instances the Greeks opened their rooms for the meetings to please their sons, who are constant attenders of our meetings.

The Sabbath-school in charge of our head teacher, Saleem Saada, is still held in the School room at the Mission building, with the usual good attendance. The people give earnest attention to each lesson, and we believe their knowledge of and love for God's word is increasing.

The Mothers-meetings are still maintained under the care of our head teacher. The women are almost constant attenders, although many are obliged to bring their little ones with them. Bible talks are given in which they are much interested. Here mothers are enabled to listen to real "words of life". All who can, commit Bible verses to memory. We believe these weekly gatherings are owned and blessed by our dear Lord, who said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me."

At the close of the Spring Term we had a public examination of the Training Home and our Schools for both boys and girls. The examination took place in the Meeting-house, and occupied one whole day. In the evening the children went creditably through with an interesting programme. It consisted of recitations, singing, dialogues, etc. The little Meeting-house was crowded to its utmost capacity with Christians, Jews, Greeks, Latins and Moslems. As we watched and listened to our little girls of the Training Home, we exclaimed "What hath God wrought" in two short years.

The Training Home shows it has been under efficient teachers during the year. Little girls who had been only four terms in English, could read and spell readily, all words of three, four, or five letters. Also they are getting to talk and understand English well.

In their native language the larger girls answered all general questions in elementary rules and compound numbers, and could answer all questions promptly that were put to them in geography, grammar, etc., but especially in the Bible.

As the rent of the girls school building had expired, we united the two girls schools. This school now contains sixty two children, under the charge of Emily Aramoonie, assisted by Helanie Totah, who was a pupil in the Girls' Training Home last year. Daily the girls are taught Scripture, reading, writing, spelling, dictation, plain sewing, and the elements of arithmetic and geography. Good progress was made by the few who attended regularly. The work in the day schools is far less satisfactory, owing to home influences, than in the Training Home. Also, the girls are obliged to remain often out of school to bring, from far distances, wood and water for family use; while the boys are made to leave school to earn money for themselves and parents, as soon as they are old enough to work. During the rainy season, we always have a better attendance, and all who remain in our schools make good improvement.

The Dispensary, which was closed at the beginning of last year, was again opened the first of this. During its close we were not forgetful or negligent of the distresses of the poor. Over eight hundred who needed relief were either received at the Mission, or attended at their homes. Several hundred were treated for eye diseases alone. They came daily for treatment, many from far villages, until cured or relieved. We improved these opportunities to teach them cleanliness — that they must keep themselves clean if they wish to be well. One poor woman whose little son we took to the Mission, while he lived would watch us while we washed her child, and learned what we meant by being "washed and made clean". One day we were called to one of her neighbors to see a child who wall ill. Upon telling the Mother that she must wash her boy before we could give any medecine, this woman, who was present, quickly said, "I know how I can do it;" and she did do her work well. The little one soon went to sleep, and when it awoke was better. All it needed was a good bath. Those who require better treatment and care than we are able to give were furnished with a writing, and sent to the hospital at Jerusalem.

Early in the Autumn the cholera began to rage north of us causing us much anxiety and thought. We found that prompt measures must be taken to keep the scourge from our people. As far forth as we were able we had the street cleaned up, and tried to encourage cleanliness among the villagers. The people of the outlying villages, fearing the rainy season might bring us much sickness, petitioned us to call a physician. We invited the workers together, and after consultation, decided we must not make delay. Hearing of Philip Malouf, a physician and surgeon of much practice in Mt-Lebanon, and an earnest Christian, we wrote him, and in reply, he said, "He had it for some time on his mind to become a Missionary Physician, and would gladly come on trial." He reached Ramallah the first of the year, and most of the time since has been very busy. The heavy rains brought much sickness—pneumonia, pleurisy, fevers, etc. After he had served three months we engaged him for one year. He takes an active part in the Meetings, and we trust he is doing good work in many ways.

The vineyard has been plowed, and vines pruned same as last year, when the result of such labor was 500 settles of grapes. There was a bountiful supply for the tables, besides a large quantity which was made into Molasses-jam for the tables. Of the Molasses, some still remains unused.

We acknowledge the receipt of the boxes sent, especially the one well filled with garden tools which we much needed.

In conclusion, dear friends, let us say what we have come to believe, that there is no better real Mission field on the face of the globe than that which God has placed in the care of New England Friends, and which He so wonderfully owns and blesses.

Since this Mission was established there have been marked changes in the lives of many of our people. Under much persecution, some of them during the past year have remained steadfast for the right.

In the name of our God, with whom we are privileged to be co-workers, we wish to say; let us continue to be used by him in the uplifting of these people of Palestine.

H. H. Leighton."

This report must surely confirm our faith in our covenant-keeping God, who has set such an open door before us in these Bible lands. We have also occasion to praise Him for the aid we have received from our Friends of other Yearly Meetings, for the education of girls in the Training Home.

We would thankfully record the gift of an interested Friend of Philadelphia, J. M., which enabled us to engage a resident physician at Ramallah.

The hearts of our own members have also been touched, and we have been much encouraged by the result of the system of the card subscriptions and mite boxes. Contributions have been received from different parts of the Yearly Meeting, even some of the very small Meetings having willingly responded. We feel that this method of subscription is better calculated to diffuse an interest in this Mission throughout the Yearly Mission than the appointment of Monthly Meeting Committees for the same object. And we have not only received assistance from members of our own society, but other Christians have also testified their interest in the missionary cause by their material aid.

The work at Ramallah is capable of great expansion, and requests are sent to us for new schools and teachers in the outlying villages which we are unable to grant for lack of means.

We earnestly hope that the coming year may bring an increase of funds that so we may be able to go with greater earnestness and possess the land which the Lord is ready to bestow upon us.

We recommend that this important concern be continued under the care of a Committee of the Yearly Meeting, and that an appropriation of $750. be made towards its support.

On behalf of the Committee,

Harry Wood, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

Committee on Foreign Missions for New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, in account with Wm T. Hussey Treasurer.

Condensed Report.

Receipts from all sources for the year $4.765. 51

Report of Com on Foreign Missions Concluded.

Disbursements	$4.450.51
Deposited balance in Strafford Savings Bank	315.00
	$4,765.51

I have examined the itemized accounts and find them correct.

Robert P. Gifford
Auditor

Portland, Sixth Month 13th, 1891.
Collection in cash and pledges in open Meeting for above, $300.

The Report was accepted, and is very satisfactory and encouraging to the Meeting. The Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year, with the addition of Huldah H. Leighton in place of our late dear friend Augustus F. Cox. The Committee are Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Anna G. Wood, Charles M. Jones, S. Caroline Tobey, Mary Almy Chase, Hannah J. Bailey, Eli Jepson, Harriet D. Collins, William Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Elizabeth K. Jones, Addie F. Chace, Silas H. Cartland, Linwood W. Jones, Phebe W. Sawtelle, Ruth S. Murray, Robert P. Gifford, William S. Hussey, Huldah H. Leighton, Jennie E. Reynolds, Olney T. Meader, Martha Hoag, Mary W. Jones, John H. Crosman, Ellen K. Buffum, Rufus M. Jones, Sarah Marble, Harry Wood, Clara A. Mugford and Alice C. Earle.

Adjourned. We adjourn to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10 O'clock.

Assembled. Third-day morning, the 16th. The Meeting assembled in separate sessions pursuant to adjournments.

Delegate from the Maine Congregational Conference present. 39. We have at this time the company of James G. Merrill, D.D., with credentials as a Delegate from the General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine. This fraternal recognition from these sister Churches we appreciate as an added proof of Christian fellowship that cheers our hearts, and strengthens the bond of a common brotherhood in Jesus Christ. We appoint Augustine Jones a delegate to attend the above named Conference in 1892. as the bearer of a message of Christian love from us; we also

appoint Alfred H. Jones, substituee.

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40. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The Answers are as follows, viz,:—

Answer First— Our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held except forty-seven, and a few others not enumerated. Most of these were omitted on account of inclement weather. One Monthly Meeting reports no Meeting in the middle of the week. Meetings on First-day are generally well attended. Most of the Quarterly Meetings report a very small attendance at the mid-week meetings. The hour is generally observed.

Answer Second— With little exception love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against. When differences appear care is taken to end them.

Answer Third— Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and generally careful to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession. Some care however, is needed in this respect.

Answer Fourth— With few exceptions the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families, individually and collectively, and our children are encouraged in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is not fully maintained.

Answer Fifth— With twenty three exceptions Friends are clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, are avoided with a little exception. Moderation is generally observed.

Answer Sixth— Due attention is given to the several particulars of this query.

Answer Seventh— With the exception of the encouragement of, and participation in military drill in the public schools, reported by one Quarterly Meeting, we know of no violation of our testimony in military matters. A few cases of taking and administering oaths; no defrauding of the public revenue.

Answer Eighth— The requirements of this query are generally observed.

Answer Ninth— Not quite clear as to records. Some

Summary Ans. continued.

removals without certificates.

Answer Tenth— The Discipline is administered in most cases in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially.

Minute on State of Society.

The exercise of the Meeting following the reading of the Queries and Answers found expression in valuable counsel from several of the Lord's servants. We were reminded that love for our temporal possessions should ever be second to our love of God. The things gathered, and the capacity to gather are alike His gifts. We should conduct our business, and render our accounts as in the sight of God, remembering that we are but stewards and that it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful. Religious life is necessary, in order to religious conversation; our conversation among men, as well as in meeting, should be of a Christian character. We should talk in a way to carry religious life to those who hear us. Owe no man anything but love. Because God's love fills the heart we are under obligation to pay every man his due spiritually, as well as temporally. Growing out of our relations to God are debts due to our fellowmen. God gives us the means to pay these debts from the fullness of His love. We are to pay them by doing all that is required of us in our families, to our Church associates, to the world.

There is spiritual bankruptcy going on around us, because we do not pay our debts. Many a wife is bankrupt for want of that which is due from her husband; many a child for want of that which is due from the parent; many a Church member for want of that which is due from his associates, and especially from those who should be as spiritual fathers and mothers in the Church.

Husbands and wives, parents and children, associates in the Christian church should, in all their varied relations in life, keep near each other in sympathy and love, that they may converse freely of those things that relate to the glorious kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and be built up together in our most holy faith.

There is no happier thing in this life than to pay our spiritual debts. We were reminded that we owe a debt of love to our ministers, and that these, while ministering to our spiritual needs, should not be

Minute on State of Society continued. permitted to lack for temporal things.

True freedom in Gospel Ministry consists in not using the precious gift which came from God for the sake of money, or being hindered in its exercise from the want of it. We are affectionately counseled to be good to our young workers, who need our sympathy and help, that so the spiritual gifts conferred upon them may be developed under the blessing of God and the fostering care of the Church.

A closing exhortation from the words of the Psalmist. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man; it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."

Summary of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Ans 41. The following Summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz:—

Answer 1st.— With little exception, we are diligent in attending all our Meetings, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Answer 2nd — We are in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which we belong, and are favored to harmonize in our Christian labors, with some exception noticed from two Meetings.

Answer 3d — Friends are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to mis-quote or mis-apply them.

Minute of Mg on Ministry & Oversight. To the Yearly Meeting.

We have been reminded at this time that Christ is the vine, and we are the branches, and that "Herein is our Father glorified that we bear much fruit." The vine bears the branch, but the branch bears the leaves and the fruit, and the nature of the fruit is in accordance with the nature of the vine in which the branch abides. Into Christ, the living vine, we must be engrafted, and then like Him we should go about our Father's business. We should not let Christian fellowships become so delightful as to interfere with the Master's work, but should remember that "we are not our own, but are bought with a price," and should therefore "glorify

Minute of Mtg on Ministry and Overright Contd.

God in our bodies, and in our spirits which are His," "letting our light so shine before men that others seeing our good works may glorify our Father who is in Heaven." If we are harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ, we should have joyous reports to present.

The religion of our Lord will prevail, even in our cities, if we carry it as Paul carried it. We have no right to expect answers to prayer unless we are bearing fruit; as the Master tells us that His purpose in getting glory through our fruit bearing is "that our fruit may remain, that, whatsoever we ask the Father in His name He may give it us." Power is promised us after the Holy Spirit comes upon us. We need the baptism of the Holy Ghost. "The fruit of the spirit" in ourselves "is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, meekness, faith". If we have these things they will of themselves be a great means of reaching out after souls. We all have a part in the work of God: some in one way, and some in another; some minister publicly, others at home; some by words, others by the quiet example of a well ordered life. We all have some pastoral work — some feeding of the flock to do. Our gifts are all equally from the Master. Some He sends forth saying "Freely ye have received, freely give," but those who by His guidance stay at home are none the less in His service.

It is greatly to be desired that our Subordinate Meetings on Ministry and Overright realize this, and in their respective places attend with greater faithfulness to the Lord's work.

Alfred H. Jones, Clerk.

Membership of Mtg on Ministry and Overright.

The following constitutes the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Overright.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	Ministers —	Elders —	Associate Members —	Total
Salem	22 —	35 —	43 —	100
Sandwich	13 —	33 —	21 —	67
Falmouth	14 —	17 —	35 —	66
Smithfield	18 —	29 —	17 —	64
Vassalboro	10 —	28 —	13 —	51
Dover	17 —	28 —	7 —	52
Fairfield	7 —	27 —	11 —	45
Parsonsfield	10 —	35 —	22 —	67
	6 —	10	20 —	36
	117	242	189	548

Change of hour holding R.I. Mtg on Ministry and Oversight.

42. The following Minute from the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight was received, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

We are informed through the Representatives of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight that that Meeting is united in changing the time of holding said Meeting at Providence in Second Month from 11 O'clock A.M. to 2 O'clock P.M. which this meeting approves and directs the Clerk to forward this information to the Yearly Meeting.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Portland, Me., Sixth Month 15th 1891

Alfred H. Jones, Clerk.

This and the Women's Meeting unite in granting the request, and the change is accordingly made. The Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Proposition from Salem Qr Mtg approved.

43. The Representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting, report as follows, viz:— To the Yearly Meeting:

The Representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting, have considered the same, and now report that we recommend that the word "may" be substituted for "should" in the 15th line of page 100 of the Discipline.

Owen Dame, Clerk.

Portland 6th Mo 15th 1891.

Which is approved by this and the Women's Meeting, and the proposed change adopted.

Providence School Com appd.

44. The Committee to whom was referred the nomination of a Committee to have the care of Providence School the ensuing year, report as follows, viz:— Charles F. Coffin, George Howland, Jr., Timothy B. Hussey, Samuel R. Buffinton, Richard Battey, James H. Chace, Thomas Chace, Peter M. Neal, Samuel Buffum, Robert P. Gifford, J. Warren Hawkes, William O. Newhall, Isaac Oscar Winslow, Daniel C. Maxfield, Charles A. Chace, Olney T. Meader, Charles Sisson, William H. Varney, Joshua L. Macomber, Ellen K. Buffum, Hannah J. Bailey, Rachel S. Howland, Anna G. Wood, Deborah W. Crossman, Elizabeth H. Austin, Sarah F. Tobey, Ellen A. Winslow, Caroline C. Earle, Deborah

Providence School Com. cont^d.

P. Atherton, Lydia C. Neal, Ruth S. Murray, Alice W. Maxfield, Anna M. Hussey, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Sarah Marble and Susan Peckham.

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Real Estate Committee.

James H. Chace, Samuel R. Buffinton, Olney T. Meader, Robert P. Gifford and Charles Sisson, which is approved by the Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly.

Com on Oak Grove Seminary app^d.

45. The Committee also report the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, &c., Viz:— Charles M. Bailey, C. Irving Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, John J. Frye, George L. Crossman, Timothy B. Hussey, Frank E. Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Isaac O. Winslow, I. Warren Hawkes, Melvin M. Bailey, Hannah J. Bailey, Myra E. Frye, Ruthanna H. Washburn, S. Jane Cox, Emma S. Briggs, Mary E. Taber, Sarah Marble, Eliza P. Pierce, Anna T. Hall, Henry Winslow and Mary G. Winslow.

Trustees of Oak Grove Seminary appointed.

Trustees of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute. Charles M. Bailey, Hannah J. Bailey and Timothy B. Hussey.

Treasurer app^d.

Treasurer Joseph E. Briggs.

Which is approved by the Meeting, and the Friends therein named are appointed to those positions respectively.

Representative Mtg appointed.

46. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year, which is approved, and they are accordingly appointed, viz:— Augustine Jones, Charles A. Chace, Phebe S. Aydelott, Harriet D. Collins, William O. Newhall, Owen Dame, Alice W. Maxfield, Mary B. Swan, Ruth S. Murray, Susan F. Horie, Anna G. Wood, George Howland, Jr., John Hacker Hall, Charles M. Jones, Myra E. Frye, S. Jane Cox, Richard Battey, D. Wheeler Swift, Mary A. Battey, Salome C. Wheeler, Alfred H. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, William A. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, William P. Tuttle, Anna M. Hussey, Emeline H. Tuttle, Levi Jones, I. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary C. Hawkes, John B. Cartland, Eunice D. Cartland, Silas H. Cartland, Lydia A. Cartland, Daniel C. Maxfield, Samuel R. Buffinton, Charles F. Coffin, Edward T. Tucker, Ellen K. Buffum, John B. Bayliss,

David J. Douglas, Isaac Sleire, Sarah J. Swift, John J. Frye, Reuben T. Jones, Etta S. Cates and Olney T. Meader.

n on Gospel k appd. 47. The Committee appointed for that purpose nominate the following named Friends for a Committee on Gospel Work the ensuing year, which is approved and is as follows, viz:- David J. Douglas, Harriet D. Collins, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Charles H. Atkins, Elizabeth S. H. Wood, William P. Macomber, S. Jane Cox, Henry F. Newell, M. Augusta Battey, Salome C. Wheeler, Oscar J. Mose, Henry C. Aydelott, Frank E. Jones, James M. Estes, Emeline H. Tuttle, Joseph E. Briggs, John B. Cartland, Phebe C. Pope, Julia A. Remick, Ruth S. Murray, Isaiah Douglas, C. Mahlon Chace, Horace M. Hall, Phebe S. Aydelott and Harriet M. Philbrick.

djourned. Adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

sembled. Afternoon - The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

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To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to whom was referred the propositions from Indiana, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings have considered the same, and now report as follows;

1st. We recommend that the Yearly Meeting approve the action of Indiana Yearly Meeting in the establishment of Wilmington Yearly Meeting. The question of appointing a Committee to attend the opening of the same should be deferred until next year.

2nd. We do not recommend the change of the corporate name of the Society of Friends to "Friends Church".

3d. We think it would not be best for New England Yearly Meeting to appoint a Committee to act in the matter of a Conference of Yearly Meetings.

For the Committee,

Owen Dame.

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which is approved and adopted by this and the Women's Meeting and the Clerk is directed to append our conclu-

sion to the Epistles to be sent to those Meetings respectively.

Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union report to be printed.

49. We are united in granting the request of the Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union so far as to receive their report and calendar and print them with our Minutes.

Report of Com on Peace.

50. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee has met four times since its appointment. The call for a Convention on this subject at Richmond, Indiana, to which all the Yearly Meetings on this continent were requested to send delegates, was considered at our meeting in Providence, in the Eleventh Month, and being unable to send delegates, we addressed an Epistle to the Convention which was duly presented and read.

The result of this Convention was a proposition for a union work by the Peace Committees of the various Yearly Meetings on this continent, in which each shall share in the direction of the work and the expense of its execution. At the suggestion of your Committee, suitable Peace Exercises were introduced into the Bible Schools and Meetings of the Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Unions at a majority of the sessions held Twelfth Month 22nd, 1890, among our Membership.

A public Meeting on Peace was held on Seventh-day evening, the 13th instant, attended by a large and interested audience of the citizens of Portland, as well as members of our Society. The delegates from this Yearly Meeting to the Universal Peace Congress held in London Seventh Month last, reported that they attended, and gave a very interesting account of its proceedings, which they deemed calculated to give a great impetus to the cause of Peace in Europe; and stirring addresses were made by them and Thomas Chace, in which fresh and potent arguments in favor of Peace were presented.

Report of Com on Peace continued. Our friends Richard S. Collins and Sarah W. Collins, of New York Yearly Meeting, who also attended the Congress, added their testimony to the interest and importance of its proceedings, The concern of this Yearly Meeting that the Congress should appoint persons to visit those in authority in the armed nations of Europe found great favor in the Congress, and a Committee was appointed accordingly and a memorial drawn up for it to present to the heads of government of the civilized States of the world.

The Reports of the International Peace Congress held in London in Seventh-Month last from your delegates - Augustine Jones, James H. Chace and Lucretia G. Chace will, we trust, stimulate all our membership to renewed interest in this cause and the practical phases of it that are being presented for the needs of the present time.

On behalf of the Committee,
Samuel R. Buffinton
Sarah J. Swift.

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The report is satisfactory to the Meeting and the Committee now under appointment with the addition of Hannah J. Bailey is continued for service another year. The Committee are, viz:-

Names of Com on Peace. Augustine Jones, Thomas Wood, James H. Chace, Alfred H. Jones, Thomas Chase, John Metcalfe, William T. Hussey, Samuel R. Buffinton, Sarah J. Swift, M. Augusta Battey, Caroline Alice Jones, Lucretia G. Chace, Mary R. Jones, Hattie B. Metcalfe and Hannah J. Bailey.

Epistles to other Yly Mtgs read. 51. Epistles to Baltimore, North Carolina, Western, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings were now read and approved. The Clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

Report of Com Bible Schools. 52. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools has now been read, and is as follows viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

Feeling encouraged over the work of the previous year the Committee on Bible Schools started

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out hopeful in its endeavors to promote the interests and welfare of the schools under its care another year.

The first step was to try and introduce into the schools, Quarterlies edited by Friends.

Two thousand copies of a leaflet, containing in rhyme the Books of the Bible, were distributed among the schools, and with them the "Letter to the Children of New England Yearly Meeting", entrusted to this Committee for distribution.

There is no marked change in the reports that come up to us, from those of last year. It is impossible to make an acurate statistical report on account of the delinquency of about twenty schools, in sending in their reports.

We are sorry to have to report so few conversions, nearly every report placing the word "None" opposite the question that pertains to this. A noticeable exception is seen in the case of Winthrop, where eight conversions are reported.

It is gratifying to note that in most cases, an increase of interest is reported; also to note the good supply of interesting and healthful papers for the young.

The Quarterly Temperance Lesson is quite generally observed. One School reports as a special need, "More of Gods love in the heart, and more Holy Ghost power.

Other needs are as last year, for teachers, scholars, books. What is to be done in these cases?

Quite recently, our Treasurer has sent money to two, poor needy Bible School libraries. This is in accord with our decision at the beginning of our year's work, that if we found that we could spare money for such cases, we would try to give help to needy libraries here and there.

A circular letter of advise and encouragement has been sent to the schools, and while it seems that little has been accomplished this year, yet we look up in thankfulness that we have had a little share in the Master's work, some part in the seed-sowing that may by and by yield abundant harvest. We have promise that the little shall be blessed, if done in His name.

May the dear Lord bless the Children of New England Yearly Meeting, and make them good and brave for Him.

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Anna B. Macomber, Secretary.

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Supplementary report of the Executive Committee, viz:—
In addition to the above report, the Committee wish to call the attention of Friends to the earnest, persevering and self-sacrificing labor of our friend George A. Barton on behalf of the Home Study Bible School; and we feel it right to express in this report our high appreciation of his valuable efforts in this line of work. It is to be regretted that other duties will deprive us of his assistance as Principal another year, but we feel an earnest desire that some provision may be made by the new Committee whereby at least some of the work so carefully organized by him, may still be carried forward. In our opinion few more important lines of work have been begun for years among the Friends of New England, or that may become more fruitful in good results to us as a Church, than those embodied in the courses of the Home Study Bible School.

During the past year our Chairman has visited several of the local schools, and three Quarterly Meeting Bible School Conferences. Your Committee unanimously favor the appointment of a new Committee, and would recommend the same appropriation of money for their use as last year.

On behalf of the Committee,
Wm T. Hussey.

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Bible School Work.

To the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Bible Schools.

Dear friends:—

During the past year, the work of the Home Study Bible School has gone on chiefly from the momentum acquired in previous years. The Principal has been too busy in other directions to write the letters he has written in previous years to stir up interest in the work. In consequence, only about half as many lesson papers have been corrected as were corrected last year. Many who had become interested in the study have, however, pushed bravely on and have done good work. During the year the following students have been graduated from the course named:

Old Testament Course A.

Mrs E. O. Sargent, Merrimac, Mass.

Anna Morris, Philadelphia, Pa.

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New Testament Course.

Lucy P. Osborne, No. Weare, N. H.
Sarah D. Brown, Amesbury, Mass.
Mary Jane Newlin, Georgetown, Ill.
Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.

During the year Thomas Chase, LL.D. Rufus M. Jones, A.M. and Thomas J. Battey, A.M., have assisted in the work, and I wish here to express my great appreciation of their ready and efficient co-operation in this labor of love.

In presenting this report it becomes my duty to inform the Committee that I do not see the way clear longer to continue this work, and that I herewith resign it into your hands. There are on hand a considerable number of lesson papers, and if the Committee appointed this year should consider the work of sufficient importance to secure a new organization under a new Principal, there is considerable pioneer work already done of which he might reap the benefit. Should a new organization not be accomplished, I will continue with the students now entered in the School until their present courses are completed.

Sincerely your friend,
George A. Barton,
Principal.

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Financial report of the Treasurer of the Bible School Committee.

Receipts.

1890. 6th Mo.	Unexpended balance from former Chairman,	$5.78
	From Vassalboro	2.00
	Collection at Newport	16.60
1891 6 mo	From Treasurer of Yearly Meeting.	61.80
		$86.18

Expenditures.

1890 6 mo	Paid J. Rendell Harris for expense to Newport	$13.00
7 "	" John Metcalfe for bill for printing	2.50
	" George A. Barton	16.60
	" " " " for printing	10.25
1891 6 mo	" Charles E. Peasley for assistance to Library at Conic, N. H.	20.00
		$62.35

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Amount brought up	$62.35
Paid George B. Wing for Library at Hallowell, Me.	2000
" Secretary's bill	3.83
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The Report was accepted and the Meeting concluded to appoint a Committee to unite with a similar one from the Women's Meeting to present at our next sitting, the names of Friends to constitute a Bible School Committee the ensuing year.

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53. The Committee on Temperance presented their Annual Report as follows, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The reports that come from the Members of the Yearly Meeting's Temperance Committee show, that, while a few of its number have been kept from the work by sickness, absence from home, and various other circumstances, by far the greater number have been actively engaged in the cause for which they were appointed.

An unusual number of meetings have been held, many lectures given, large quantities of temperance literature distributed, public officials importuned for the enforcement of measures in the interests of Temperance, and faithful way-side service given in its behalf.

Some of our number have worked single-handed and alone under very discouraging circumstances, and feel that they have very little to report, but it is too early to judge of this matter. The little that has been done faithfully as to the Lord will have His blessing, and we know not how great may be the result.

A meeting of a very satisfactory character was held in First Month at Friends Boarding School in Providence, under the auspices of the Committee, and was addressed by Ruth S. Munay and others.

The injurious effects of alcohol on the human system have been carefully and faithfully presented to the class in Physiology at the School, and the general sentiment is strongly against its use.

A very successful meeting has been held at Oak Grove under the care of the Committee, and

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addressed by Mrs Gleason of Boston.

The 29th of Third Month, a Temperance Meeting was held in Boston, at the Bible School in place of the Quarterly Review. There were interesting exercises by the children, and a very practical and stirring address by the Hon. Mr. Johnson from the Temperance Bureau. Hand to hand work has been done with drunkards as way has opened, and endeavors used, with some success to connect their children with the Sabbath School.

From the report of one of our number we learn that she has provided for eleven lectures, four of them at private expense, and in some manner has secured the services of an elocutionist to give Temperance readings at the meetings in order to increase the public interest. She has written letters to those who sold and those who drank intoxicants, and to State officials asking them to enforce the law. These letters were, in a degree, effectual, and on account of these efforts, one private saloon keeper is now lying in the County jail.

Another Friend reports that several young people from our membership have held Temperance gatherings in a neighboring meeting, and that a lecture by one of the Committee had been delivered in that place. On two or three occasions, Temperance lessons have been taught in the Sabbath School by the teachers and Superintendent.

In Lawrence, four good Temperance Meetings have been held and a decided stand taken by Friends who use both voice and vote against the liquor traffic.

A very interesting meeting, addressed by Volney R. Cushing of the State Temperance Committee, has been held in South China, and, it is thought, was productive of much good.

Several members report that they have labored conjointly with the W. C. T. U., of which organization they are also members.

From these various reports we see that Friends have not been unmindful of their duty to the young, although we have not so much distinctively juvenile work to report as usual.

The Superintendent of this department informs that she has addressed a circular letter to the Superintendents of Friends' Sabbath Schools throughout New England.

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urging upon them the necessity of forming Bands of Hope and the distribution of Temperance literature. The organization of a Loyal Legion is all that has been reported in response to this appeal.

The distribution of literature is still an important factor in our work, as the following report of the Superintendent of Literature will show. Thirty seven Sabbath School Libraries have been supplied with Temperance books; depots, public reading rooms, House of Correction, County farm and County Jail with tracts, and one hundred and twenty copies of Illustrated Papers for Young People (Friends Publication, Chicago) have been given out each month to the inmates of New Hampshire State Industrial School.

Number of volumes —	180
" " pages	90.643
" " cards	649
" " Triple Pledge Cards	125

Your Committee deeply feel the loss that the Temperance cause has sustained in the death of Augustus F. Cox, who, for fourteen consecutive years, was an active worker on this Committee. Intensely alive to the importance of the cause, he was original in his ideas, and in his methods of performing the work.

We recommend that this impo tant work be continued under the care of a Committee, and that $200 be appropriated for their use.

Respectfully submitted.

M. Augusta Batty,
Secretary.

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Treasurer's Report.

Received of Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer Ply Cty — $200.00

Expenditures.

Paid J. F. Chase, Superintendent of Literature	$80.73
" E. J. Larkin, for printing circulars and cards	7.46
" Augustine Jones, for prizes on Temperance essays	10.10
" Hannah J. Bailey, for lecture at Oak Grove Seminary	10.00
" Expenses of workers	38.70
" E. J. Larkin for Literature	6.00
" M. Augusta Batty, Express on Temperance Literature	60
" Expense of public Temperance Meeting in Portland	15.00
" for literature for Lina Lunt to use in her work	5.00
Amount carried over —	$173.59

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Amount brought over —	$173.59
Paid for literature for Charles W. Goddard to use in his work,	5.00
" " " " David Sampson " " "	10.00
" " " " Arthur Swift, Jamaica " " "	5.00
" " " " temperance book for Oak Grove Seminary	6.41
	$200.00

Frank E. Jones,
Treasurer.

Which is satisfactory and encouraging to the Meeting. The Committee now under appointment with the substitution of Lewis M. Douglas in place of Augustus F. Cox, deceased, George A. Crosman, in place of George A. Barton, Elisk T. Reed in place of Oscar J. Morse, L. Maria Jones in place of Lena B. Lunt; William Jacob released at his own request, and the addition of Lucy A. Snow, is continued for service another year. The Committee are Augustine Jones, M. Augusta Battey, Anna B. Macomber, John F. Chase, Elizabeth T. Larkin, William Wood, Alice W. Maxfield, George A. Crosman, Joshua L. Macomber, Hannah R. Gifford, Mary C. Baylies, Gideon Wood, Abigail Wheeler, Jennie Allyne, Adelaide Wheeler, Elisha T. Reed, Samuel Wheeler, Lewis M. Douglas, Ellen C. Jones, L. Maria Jones, Lucy A. Snow, Frank E. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones, Rufus M. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Wm T. Hussey, Emeline H. Tuttle, Samuel Buffum, Hannah J. Bailey, Martha B. Osborne, J. Warren Hawkes, George B. Wing, Lydia A. Cartland, Elizabeth H. Cobb and James Cartland

Names of Temperance Com.

Minutes directed to be printed.

54. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed: and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand two hundred copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

Adjourned. Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 9 o'cl

Assembled. Fourth-day morning the 17th — The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

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55. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on Bible Schools the ensuing year, which is approved by the Meeting, and is as follows, viz,:— Thomas J. Battey, Anna B. Macomber, Herbert A. Skinner, George L. Crosman, Martha Hoag, Sarah D. Brown, Lavina G. Huntington, Sarah Taber, Henry A. Slocum, George R. Wood, Lewis M. Douglas, Alvano C. Goddard, Anna J. Goddard, Elisha T. Reed, John Metcalfe Sarah D. Swift, Rufus M. Jones, Abbie P. Jenkins, Frank E. Jones, William T. Hussey, Almira B. Buffum, William P. Jenkins, C. Irving Bailey, Lizzie M. Hawkes, Sarah E. Shepherd, Thomas W. Hoag and Melissa S. Dearborn.

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56. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a report, which has been read, and is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The recent occurrences among the Sioux Indians in the Northwest, culminating with the sad massacre at Wounded Knee, have directed public attention anew to the Indian question. It is evident there exists in the minds of the thoughtful people in the land, a deep interest in the matter, and a growing conviction that something must be done, more effective, if possible, for the welfare of the Indians than Government been able to do.

The people of this country, during the past hundred years, have spent enormous sums of money in Indian wars. These wars have greatly hindered the civilization of the Indians, and wrought incalculable disaster among them. The circumstances surrounding the Indians are aggravating in the extreme, and unless they are at once assisted in the development of the resources of the lands upon which they are compelled to live, they will be confronted more and more with the dread specte of hunger, and we, with that of war.

The most perplexing element in the Indian problem, is not the Indian, but the white man. The white man furnishes the Indian with arms and ammunition; the white man provides whiskey; the white man encroaches upon his reservation, defrauds him of his property,

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invades the sanctity of his home, and treats him with such contempt that he is thus prepared to avenge his wrong. As "wards of the nation", government seeks to civilize them by natural means, but the Indians are very superstitious, and in order to turn their attention to successful civilization, they must have those among them who believe in the existence of a loving God, and by His help teach them the true religion of the son of God. When this is gained, civilization easily follows. Almost all the Churches are enlarging their mission work among Indians, and there is abundant encouragement for Friends to extend their efforts.

Dr. Kirk has continued to act as Superintendent of our work in Indian Territory, and reports Meetings held more or less regularly on First-days at twenty one places, and at eight of these places there have been mid-week Meetings also. The total membership at last report was five hundred and seventy five, of whom three hundred and fifty were Indians. There have been ten Bible Schools maintained, with an enrollment of three hundred and twenty five, and an average attendance of two hundred and fifty, of whom sixty nine cannot speak English. In the report of Grand River Monthly Meeting, we find much to encourage us. Three members have been added to the Modoc Meeting, and the average attendance in the Bible School is seventy-five. A large attendance in view of the fact that of those enrolled, twenty cannot speak English.

A lot of six acres has been set apart for Friends' School and Meeting purposes. Arizona Jackson, a native is teaching the day school. The Meeting house at the Ottawas, for which money was raised two years ago, has been completed, and as a result, the average attendance at this Meeting has been eighty-two the past year. Meetings are now held with the Peorias and the Miamies, and the Gospel is bearing fruit among them, as it does elsewhere. During a series of Meetings, several of the Kaapaws professed conversion, and eight of them applied for membership.

C. W. Goddard has been laboring the past year among the Senecas, and his devotion to the work has been blessed. He has built a small house, cleared and cultivated several acres of land, set out fruit trees, etc.

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on the land allotted Friends for Missionary purposes. Since white people took land in Oklahoma, Shawnee Town Monthly Meeting has been severely tested. The white man's greed did not stop there, but has reached out to all the surrounding country. Dr Kirk in pleading for another helper in that Monthly Meeting, says: "Murder and violence have been so common in regions of country around Shawnee Town, that it is dangerous to be out at night, yet the meetings have been kept up, and there are abundant evidences that the work of the Lord is prospered and advancing among them." The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is three thousand five hundred dollars. We recommend that five hundred and twenty-five dollars be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We also ask that the treasury of our own Committee be replenished, not only by a collection in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee.

Myra E. Frye, Secretary.

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Treasurer's Report.

Committee on Western Indians in acct. with Samuel Buffum, Treasurer.

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1890 6 mo 20.	Received from former Treasurer (balance)	$ .94
" "	" Collection in Women's Yly Mtg at Newport	63.01
" "	" " " Men's " " " "	94.21
7 mo 18	" from Providence Bible School by R. P. Gifford	3.70
8 " 12	" " a Friend in Providence	1.00
" 23	" " Collection at N. Berwick (at Quarterly Meeting)	13.07
" "	" " a member of Rhode Island Monthly "	100.00
9 mo 30	" Collection in Winthrop Mo Mtg by O. M. Tuttle	22.25
10 " 27	" from Friends in Dover " " " E. H. Tuttle	24.00
12 " 15	" " Falmouth Mo. Mtg. Me. by Maria Bean	19.10
" 19	" " Sandwich " " Mass " Joseph Ewer	25.00
1891 3 mo 2	" " Friends in Worcester " " S. J. Swift	45.00
" "	" " Collection by Ellen K. Buffum for sewing Machine	13.00
" 9	" " three Friends in Amesbury Mass, by A. W. Maxfield	20.00
" 14	" " R. I. Mo Mtg by Anna B. Macomber	12.35
4 mo 2	" " Collection in Amesbury, Mass. by Martha E. Swett	1.00
" 7	" " " " Northbridge Pre Mtg " Salome C. Wheeler	11.00
" 10	" " a member of R. I. Monthly Meeting	5.00
" 13	" " Westport Mo Mtg by Mary S. Macomber	9.00
" 20	" " Unity Mo Meeting, Me. by Etta M. Varney	2.00
	Amount carried over	$494.63

Treasurer's report of Indian Com continued.

	Amount brought over	$484.63
1891 4 Mo 23d	Rec collection from Westport Mo Meeting by Jane G. Fisher	5.00
" 29 "	" " Swansea " " " Benjamin A. Chace	14.00
" 30 "	" " Weare " " " Lindley H. Osborne	25.00
" " "	from Friends in North Berwick	16.00
5 Mo 2 "	" Providence Mo Mtg by R. P. Gifford	20.00
" 4 "	" North Sandwich, N. H. by J. S. Remick	5.00
" 7 "	" Parsonsfield, Me by Phebe L. Pope	3.00
" 11 "	" Elvira M. Perry	2.00
" 21 "	" New Bedford Mo Mtg by Gideon Wood	104.50
" 27 "	" Casco, Maine, by Ellen F. Maxfield	4.00
6 Mo 3 "	" Boston Mo Mtg by John H. Meader	16.00
" 5 "	" Allen's Neck, Bible School by Hannah G. Sherman	8.00
		$707.13

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1890 5 Mo 27	Paid expenses of two members of Associated Executive Committee to Marion, Indiana	$110.00
8 Mo 23d "	Charles W. Kirk on account of purchase of Wyandotte Mission property	150.00
10 Mo 23d "	for books sent to Elizabeth Test	5.00
1891 3 Mo 6 "	C. W. Goddard for purchase of sewing machine	22.00
4 " 6 "	Charles S. Taylor Treasurer for support of C. W. Goddard	150.00
5 Mo 21 "	Charles W. Kirk on account of purchase of Wyandotte Mission property	100.00
5 Mo 10 "	Charles S. Taylor, Treasurer, for support of Charles W. Goddard to Seventh Month 1st	54.00
6 Mo 13	Appropriated by the Com for building Fund	116.13
		$707.13

Portland, 6th Mo 13th 1891.

Audited and found correct

For the Committee,

Susan H. Meader.

Names of the members of the Associated Ex Com on Indians

Members of the Associated Executive Committee. William O. Newhall, Augustine Jones. Emeline H. Tuttle, Myra E. Frye.

Members of the Indian Com.

Members of the Indian Committee, Wm O. Newhall, Ellen K. Buffum, Augustine Jones, John J. Frye, Myra E. Frye Joseph E. Briggs, Asa C. Tuttle, Emeline H. Tuttle, Anna M. Gove, Hannah J. Bailey, Elwood G. Macomber, Abbie E. Gifford, Arthur W. Jones, Emma S. Briggs, Leslie Meader, Joseph D. Wood, Samuel Buffum, Sarah Osborne, Emily S. Weeks, Ella S. Andrews, Maria Winslow, Mary D. Collins, Edward J. Tucker.

Susan H. Meader, Almira B. Buffum, Sarah J. Swift, Sarah Marble, and Mary W. Jones.

Report of Com on new methods of raising Yly Mtg stock

57. The Committee appointed as per Minute 51 of last year's Minutes, report as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee under appointment by Minute No 51 of last year recognize the need of a system in Christian giving, which will not only aid our members in the discharge of duty, but encourage every one in freedom of conscience to be active in ways of Christian benevolence. We believe that there are many among us who may be sharers of blessings not yet known, when quickened as we can be by the Gospel teaching that "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

The Mosaic standards relating to tithes and offerings for the Lord's work were not lost sight of by the early Christian Church. Rather did the old system of giving receive a new impulse when brought under the power of that sacrifice which was the "offering of himself once for all".

The Committee have considered the language of our Discipline relating to the collection of funds, also the present method of apportionment which has been in practice. We believe it best to recommend for the future that our present discipline and practice shall only apply to the raising of funds necessary to defray the expenses of meetings, and the discharge of obligations already assumed, consisting of the Oak Grove note and our agreement with the Associated Committee on Indian Affairs. For raising all other funds in aid of the charitable and benevolent objects under the care of the Yearly Meeting, we propose the following:—

In each Monthly Meeting a Committee on Finance, representing each Preparative Meeting, shall be appointed at the time when the Yearly Meeting's official communication is received from the Quarterly Meeting; said Committee to assist the Monthly Meetings Treasurer in the apportionment of expenses and collection of all funds which may be solicited; also for each Preparative Meeting whenever necessary; one member of said Committee whom the Treasurer may designate, shall assist in the care of receipts and disbursements connected with said Preparative Meeting.

The Yearly Meetings Committee on Finance should annually issue a circular letter to our

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members, containing information of the several amounts which are called for to be raised by voluntary subscription; these amounts having been specified in the annual reports to the Yearly Meeting by the respective Committees.

The circular letter may also contain such other items of interest or advice as may appear in the Yearly Meeting Minutes relating to finances, and to be issued in such form as to be adapted to the use of each Monthly Meeting's Committee on Finance. These circulars, together with subscription envelopes adapted for monthly contributions from our members (and others who may desire to aid in our Mission work), shall be forwarded in their respective proportions to each Monthly Meeting for distribution by the Finance Committees. These subscription envelopes should express, in printed form, a full list of the objects for which funds are desired, with suitable space for figures to indicate the sum intended for the respective items, as the donor may choose when the money is enclosed. The item called "Meeting Expenses" on these envelopes may be paid in amounts annually, if preferred by the donor, the total of said item for the year as apportioned by the Finance Committee in each Monthly Meeting, having been indicated by the Treasurer thereof in a blank reserved for the purpose in the Yearly Meeting circular. The amounts given for the item called "General Fund" may be distributed for such objects as the Finance Committee of each Monthly Meeting may decide. This system of monthly contributions as provided by the Yearly Meeting need not prevent the practice of weekly offerings in any Meeting when it is provided for by the Finance Committee of the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting's Treasurer should be furnished by the Yearly Meetings Committee on Finance with the initial book of entry for keeping the accounts under this system. All funds funds collected for purposes other than meeting expenses should be forwarded by the Monthly Meeting's Treasurer direct to the Treasurer of the respective Yearly Meeting's Committee having in care the object for which the money was specifically given, and the remittances shall be made at least quarterly, or oftener, as may best suit the needs of the working Committee.

In submitting this report the Committee feel the importance of this whole subject of Christian giving, and of its being brought before our members through

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out our Yearly Meeting, that all may understand their duties and privileges in relation to it.

We would propose that the Yearly Meeting appoint a Committee of two from each Quarterly Meeting who shall have the care of this subject the ensuing year, with the privilege of drawing on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for a sum not exceeding twenty five dollars if needed. Also that in each Monthly Meeting one or more Meetings be held for the purpose of instruction by essays, recitations or readings, relating to this important department of Christian service.

I. Warren Hawkes,
Clerk of the Committee.

Which is accepted and adopted by the Meeting, and the same Committee, with the substitution of Henry F. Newell in place of Augustus F. Cox, is continued, to whom the further care of this subject is committed in accordance with the suggestion contained in the report, Viz:- Phebe S. Aydelott, Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, Anna M. Gove, Edward T. Tucker, Susan F. Hoxie, Henry F. Newell, Lucy R. Goddard, Isaac Steere, Abigail Wheeler, William H. Cates, Etta S. Cates, William P. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum, I. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Silas H. Cartland and Julia A. Remick.

mes of Com relation to above decision.

Report of Com on Education.

58. The Committee on Education have presented their Report, as follows, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

We are gratified to report that the practical work of past years is showing favorably in the interest of parents and caretakers manifest, and their appreciation of boarding schools, where their children can more effectively and uninteruptedly pursue their studies with Educators of large experience and better facilities than the public school affords.

We thankfully inform that all members of our Society applying for admission on the Fund at Providence last year were received. That this favor can be repeated next year is not certain, as funds may not be sufficient, but such a statement is encouraging.

Oak Grove School has, through its generous supporters, aided some worthy pupils, who tell us they wish they could return and complete the course. Committee having care of Windham Monthly Meeting School Fund, report that

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the fund is accumulating, as the town supports two terms of free high school.

We observe greater interest on Educational lines in neighborhoods where we have located membership. Friends children are reported as more punctual in attendance than some of their neighbors children.

We had an able address by Rufus M. Jones, and a convincing short address by Thomas Chase at our public meeting Sixth Month 16th, 1891.

We recommend the appointment of a Committee for service this year, and ask for an appropriation of one hundred dollars for its use.

On behalf of the Committee,

Augustine Jones,

Portland, Sixth Month 17th 1891. Anna F. Hall.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year. The committee are Augustine Jones, Caroline Jones of Deering, Me., Anna F. Hall, Rufus M. Jones, Ruthanna H. Washburn, Myra E. Frye, John Ellwood Paige, Phebe W. Sawtelle, Ruth S. Murray, Gertrude W. Cartland, Sarah Marble and Wilmot R. Jones.

Names of Com on Education.

Com on Finance appointed.

59. The Representatives from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, propose William P. Macomber — Falmouth Quarterly Meeting proposes John Hacker Hall, and Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting proposes John B. Cartland to serve on the Finance Committee this year, which is approved by the Meeting.

Adjourned.

Adjourned to meet at 3.30 this afternoon in separate sessions.

Assembled.

Afternoon the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Epistles read and approved.

60. Epistles to London, Ireland, New York, Ohio, Indiana and Canada Yearly Meetings, also a Joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah, Palestine, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward them to those Meetings respectively

Returning Minutes

61. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following returning Minute for Edward G. Wood, viz:— "Edward G. Wood acceptably attended this Meeting" and similar ones for David E and Emma Sampson, Calvin W. Prichard, John Y. and Mary J. Hoover, Pliny and Mary E. Fry and Elias Jessup. The Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

Auditors Report.

62. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, Etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meetings.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$2,093.47
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	960.00
Salem " "	700.00
Sandwich " "	800.00
Falmouth " "	320.00
Smithfield " "	240.00
Vassalboro " "	220.00
Dover " "	200.00
Fairfield " "	480.00
Parsonsfield " "	80.00
Rhode Island " " balance of 1889 stock	260.00
Books of Discipline sold	9.00
Young Friends C. F. Union	10.00
Loans	1,500.00
Dividends and Interest	84.24
Endowment Fund Account of Oak Grove Seminary	25.00
	$7,981.71

Payments.

Expenses of Yearly Meeting at Newport, 1890	$402.63
Insurance and repairs of Meeting-house at Newport	174.75
Massasoit Bank for box rent	5.00
Printing, recording, Etc	465.14
Loan	1,500.00
Interest	189.87
On Note to Oak Grove Seminary	59.00
Incidentals	7.18
Associated Ex Com. Western Indians	525.00
Bible School Committee	61.80
Amount carried over	$3,390.37

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Amount brought over	$3,390.37
Foreign Mission Committee	750.00
Freedmen's "	500.00
Gospel Work "	300.00
Temperance "	198.13
Aid to a Friend from the British Provinces	100.00
Insurance on Maryville, Tenn., buildings	229.00
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	2,514.21
	$7,981.71

Income of Boston Meeting House Fund.

Income of Boston Meeting-house Fund

Balance from last year	1,765.85
Received for coupons	450.00
" " interest Savings Banks	75.62
	$2,291.47

Payments.

Wesleyan Hall Association	$262.50
Boston Preparative Meeting for rent	70.00
Balance now in the Treasurer's hands	1,958.97
	$2,291.47

Yly Mtg Treasurer app'd also Treas. of School Funds

We recommend that the sum of Two thousand dollars ($2,000) be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting, and we nominate Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and James H. Chace for Treasurer of the Providence School Funds.

For the Committee.

Owen Dame,
Clerk.

Portland 6th Mo 17th 1891.

Stock directed to be raise and forwarded to Treas.

63. The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of Two thousand ($2,000) Dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and Samuel R. Buffinton is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and James H. Chace Treasurer of the Providence School Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

Report of Com on Finance.

64. The Committee on Finance report as follows, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Finance recommend that the following appropriations be made from the

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For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$525.00
" Principal and Interest on Oak Grove note	500.00
" Aid to a Friend from the British Provinces	100.00
	$1,125.00

For the Committee,

Samuel R. Buffinton.

Portland 6th Mo 17th, 1891.

The report is accepted and adopted, and the Treasurer of this Meeting is authorized and directed to pay the several sums specified in the report. The Committee on Finance are Samuel R. Buffinton, Owen Dame, George Howland, Jr., John Hacker Hall, Richard Battey, William A. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Levi Jones and Silas H. Cartland.

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...port of representa...es. 65. The Representatives report as follows upon the several subjects referred to them for their consideration, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

We recommend that no action be taken at this time respecting a new apportionment of Yearly Meeting stock.

We recommend that the requests from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, and from Dover Quarterly Meeting, be referred to a Committee with instructions to report at this Meeting next year.

The proposition in relation to the building of a Yearly Meeting House in a central locality, we recommend that it be referred to the Representative Meeting.

For the Representatives,

Owen Dame, Clerk.

...n app^t to con...der requests from ...salboro & Dover ...ly Mtgs. Which is satisfactory to this and the Women's Meeting, and we conclude to appoint our Friends Robert P. Gifford, Albert C. Hill, Gideon Wood, John J. Frye, Isaac Steere, James H. Cook, William P. Tuttle, I. Warren Hawkes, Silas H. Cartland, Susan Peckham, Deborah W. Crosman, Ruth S. Murray, Emma Douglas, Deborah P. Atherton, Sarah E. Varney, Almira B. Buffum, Lizzie M. Hawkes, and Phebe L. Pope a Committee to take the subjects from Vassalboro and Dover Quarterly Meetings into careful consideration and report to this Meeting next year. We refer the last named subject to the Representative Meeting.

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New Mo. Meeting established

To the Yearly Meeting:

We report the establishment of a new Monthly Meeting in Seventh Month last, at Maple Grove, in Aroostook, County, Me to be held on the first Seventh-day in each Month.

From the minutes of Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting,

Rufus M. Jones,
Clerk.

Com of arrangements, appd.

67. We appoint the following Committee to make all the nessary arrangements for holding religious Meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which now are or may then be under appointment, viz:— Charles M. Jones, David J. Douglas, Samuel R. Buffinton, Thomas Wood, Oscar J. Morse, Robert P. Gifford, William T. Hussey, Myra E. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Hannah J. Bailey and Susan Peckham.

Names of Com of arrangements.

Minute of thanks to First Baptist Society for the use of their Mtg-house.

68. This Meeting desires to express its grateful appreciation of the kindness extended to us by the First Baptist Society of this city in offering the use of its place of worship for the holding of our Annual Assembly this year. We direct our Clerk to send to said Society a copy of this Minute, signed on our behalf— Women Friends concurring.

Closing Minute.

69. Having been privileged to meet once more in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we have renewedly realized our dependence upon the Great Head of the Church, who hath promised to be with His people alway— "even to the end of the world." An earnest desire has been manifest from the first session to the last that we might also realize our responsibility both to God and our fellow-men.

We now separate with the prayerful desire that impressions made and resolutions formed, may be permanent, that we may be "fruitful in every good work, increasing in the knowledge of God," proposing to meet again at the usual time next year, at Newport, R. I., if the Lord permit.

To meet at Newport R.I. next year.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

William O. Newhall, Clerk.

Correspondents of Yearly Meeting.

Correspondents of the Yearly Meetings are
George Hartland, Jr.
Joseph Hartland.

Epistles to other Yearly Meetings.

Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, Sixth Month, 1891.

To London

Epistle to London.

Dear friends;

Although your Epistle of this year has not reached us, yet we salute you with hearts cheered by the consciousness of your helpfulness in the bonds of Christian sympathy and love.

We have indeed a blessed heritage under the covenant of Grace and Truth as it is in Jesus, and we rejoice that the intercessory priesthood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is a reality to the Militant Church.

Our Foreign Mission work has again claimed attention with increased interest, and the presence of a native Syrian woman, Layyah Barakat, formerly of Mount Lebanon with her stirring words of Christian zeal and love for the Lord moved our hearts in renewed hopefulness that the Land of holiest memories would soon come forth again to the joys of God's salvation.

Our public meeting on Peace and Arbitration was enlivened by the attendance and remarks of several delegates to the London Peace Congress of 1890. We are comforted in consideration of the long history of reciprocal relations which we have enjoyed with our brethren of Great Britain, and it is our prayer that our two great nations of the Anglo Saxon tongue, may lead the world towards the ultimate triumph of the one glorious leadership of the Prince of Peace.

We believe that our boarding Schools at Providence, R. I. and Vassalboro, Maine, are moulding thought and shaping Christian character for practical usefulness in the line of progress towards the ideal standard of international Arbitration.

Our deliberations have brought sharply to light a variety of opinions, but we trust that they have also developed stronger ties of affection in the Lord.

"To Him be the glory forever — We bear
To the Lord of the harvest, our wheat with the tare,
What we lack in our work, may He find in our will
And winnow in Mercy the good from the ill."

Thankful for the tie of christian fellowship and faith union with you in our one Lord we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
William O. Newhall, Clerk.

Epistle to Ireland.

To Ireland.

Dear friends;

Once more through the mercy of our Holy Head we are privileged to meet in our Annual Assembly, and we feel that many have been strengthened and edified by the Divine Presence manifested during the Meeting, and by the friendly interchange of love and sympathy.

A goodly number of Gospel Messengers have been in attendance during this Meeting who have earnestly performed their mission amongst us.

We heartily respond to your feeling of the great need of entire dedication to the Great Master. It is borne in upon us that there has never been a greater need of pure, active, devoted men and women of Christian character and integrity than at the present time. We believe that there has been a deep longing that we might be "blameless and harmless—the sons of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation", that our Gracious Master might have in us "a chosen generation a Royal priesthood" "an Holy nation" "a peculiar people", to show forth even to those who still live in darkness and blindness the praises of "Him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light". We hope and pray that the spiritual character of our worship and our religion may be prominent in the lives and services of all our members and that we may know of a constant fellowship with Him who said "Ye are my friends".

The subjects Temperance, Peace and Arbitration, Education and Mission Work have received our careful attention and united support, and while our hearts go out for all these causes it is our desire to give prominence to the Gospel of redeeming love as revealed to us by the life of the Son of God.

While our reports show a slight decrease in our membership; they also show an increase of zeal and spiritual activity which we hope will result in bringing many sons and daughters into the Fathers house during the next year.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,

William O. Newhall,
Clerk.

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To New York.

Dear friends:

From this our annual gathering we send you a loving greeting. The melting power of the love of God has been the characteristic feature of all our deliberations.

The hours occupied in considering the subjects of Temperance, Peace, Education, Missionary and Evangelistic work have been seasons of great interest.

Thanking our Heavenly Father that we have been enabled to accomplish as much as we have in the various departments of Christian work during the past year, we are desirous of increasing our influence in all these directions during the coming year.

The stress and bent of the ministry of the Lord's servants who are with us from other Yearly Meetings has been conversion to God - Regeneration through the power of the Holy Spirit - Holiness and obedience to Divine guidance in all things. Only through preparation thus wrought in us individually can we effectively labor for the "Lord of the harvest."

We thank Him that He has sent to us earnest messengers thus to remind us.

The subject of Peace has claimed our prayerful attention, and the best of talent has been brought to the front in the public promulgation of this grand vital principle of our religion.

The reports from our Ramallah Mission are very satisfactory and encouraging. As a body assembled in Christ we invoke God's blessing on this good work. In hearing from our Committee on Gospel Work large sympathy has been expressed with their labors which have been extended widely throughout our limits. Many series of Meetings have been held - Many families have been visited - Conviction has been followed by conversion in a large number of cases, and fuller blessings received by many. Thankful to the Divine leader that these things are so, we yet desire that in the coming year a greater number of efficient workers may be privileged to help them in their responsible work.

The Young Friends Christian Fellowship Union, met as usual, with a report of their year's work, expressive of

Epistle to New York continued

spiritual life with fruitage. We feel that this organization is already a power in our branch of the Church which we could ill afford to be without.

In this the season of fruits as well as leaves and blossoms, we would examine ourselves — Are we a garden of the Lord in which each plant is growing beautiful and fruitful, responsive to the care of the husbandman? If so we trust that our next Yearly Meeting will present a largely increased membership.

Wishing for you and for ourselves that all Grace may abound unto good works, we are your friends:

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting:

William O. Newhall } Clerks
"Anna G. Wood"

Epistle to Baltimore.

To Baltimore.

Dear friends:

The reading of your Epistle of Eleventh Month last has been cheering to our hearts, again assuring us of your helpfulness in the bond of Christian sympathy and love. We have indeed a blessed heritage under the covenant of Grace and of the Truth as it is in Jesus, and we rejoice that the intercessory priesthood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is a reality to the Militant Church.

We gratifully acknowledge God's continued care over us, as a branch of His vine, and we have been encouraged in Gospel ministry to develop all the different gifts so that we may have the true and real connection with the vine, and bring forth perfect and abundant fruit.

The loving spirit of harmony and condescension has prevailed in our deliberations this year and we have rejoiced in the realization of the truth in apostolic teaching that "love never faileth".

Our Foreign Mission Work has again claimed attention with increased interest and the presence of a native Syrian, formerly of Mount Lebanon with her stirring words of Christian zeal and love for her Lord, moved our hearts in renewed hope-

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fulness that the Land of holiest memories would soon come forth again to the joys of God's salvation.

Our public Meeting on Peace and Arbitration was enlivened by the attendance of several former delegates to the London Peace Congress of 1890.

In our Home Mission departments of Gospel Work — Temperance and Bible Schools, we have been quickened to renewed efforts in the line of faithfulness as to our stewardship of these important trusts.

May your hands be strengthened and your hearts encouraged by Him whose love, truth and power, enables His children to labor successfully in the building up and coming in, of His kingdom.

Thankful for the tie of Christian fellowship and faith union with you in our "one Lord" we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Wm O. Newhall, Clerk.

Epistle to North Carolina

To North Carolina.

Dear friends:

Assembled as a Yearly Meeting, we have been permitted to sit under the shadow of the Almighty, and to taste of the joys of God's salvation.

We have been made glad and thankful, as we have received and read Epistles of love and good counsel from other Yearly Meetings, and in reply to yours, couched in loving language, we send this our fraternal greeting.

We have the company of a number of Ministers and others from distant Yearly Meetings, several of these from yours; they have labored in word and doctrine to the help and comfort of the Church, and our hearts have responded to the old message of God's love, which is ever new, that salvation cometh through our Lord Jesus Christ, and there is no other.

We regretted the early departure of our dear friends, David E. Sampson and wife from our Meeting on account of illness in their family; our feelings were drawn out in tender sympathy on their behalf.

Epistle to North Carolina Cont'd.

Our Meeting is well attended, and harmonious labor and brotherly condescension are features worthy of note amongst us.

Our lines of work are extending, and our several Committees have presented accounts of these varied labors, which are acceptable to the Yearly Meeting.

Our people have taken a tangible interest in your work among the mountains, and wish you God speed in gathering a harvest of souls.

We congratulate you in that you are possessed of a cherished Institution of learning, the influence of which will reach down to other generations, and which will tell largely on the future of North Carolina.

We wish you every success and blessing that comes to you in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

With unfeigned love to the brethren, fare ye well.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting;

William C. Newhall, Clerk.

Joint Epistle to Ohio.

Joint Epistle to Ohio

Dear friends:

Your loving greeting means more to us than the mere compliance with an established custom. It means your hands reaching out to touch us as "yoke fellows in the service of the Master". According to the measure of our love for Him — His truth and His work, we salute you as brethren beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We would have you to feel that our response goes beyond the lines of formality, and that "such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present."

Our association together has been marked by signal indications of the presence of the Lord. A goodly number of His anointed servants from other Yearly Meetings have faithfully presented the saving truths of the Gospel. The ears of the people have been open to hear; the hearts of believers have been comforted and strengthened; the unsanctified have been urged to come into a life of holiness; and the unconverted warned to flee from the wrath

Epistle to Ohio continued.

to come. The fundamental doctrines of the atonement, regeneration, sanctification, resurrection, the final coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the inspiration of the Scriptures, and eternal punishment for the impenitent, have been maintained. The interest in all lines of Church work; Education, Temperance, Gospel Work, Social Purity, and in the extension of the "Young Friends Christian, Fellowship Unions", and Home and Foreign Missions, has manifestly increased. Altogether, it has been a season in which we have felt an uplift in spiritual power and communion with God, in Christian fellowship, and in our social relations. And in this oneness, to which the love of Christ has brought us, we would re-assure you that our best wishes are for you; and our warmest sympathies with you.

Our prayers ascend to the throne of the Father in the name of His son, that His blessing may be upon all departments of His work to which you have laid your hands, and that the anointing of the Holy Spirit may be upon your veterans and your new recruits in the warfare of the Lamb. Farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting:

William O. Newhall } Clerks.
"Anna G. Wood"

Epistle to Indiana.

To Indiana.

Dear friends:

Being again assembled in a Yearly Meeting capacity we greet you in Christian sympathy and love unfeigned, desiring that you may be filled with all the fulness of God. Your Epistle of Tenth Month last has been read to our comfort, edification and encouragement. We greatly desire for you, with your large increase of membership that you may have nursing fathers and mothers amongst you, who may rightly instruct those coming to the fold, of the true principles of the Gospel as held by Friends, in their entirety and purity.

While the number of certified laborers from abroad has been less than in former years, yet we have not lacked, and the Gospel has been proclaimed amongst us in demonstration of the spirit and of power.

Epistle to Indiana Cont^d.

We have had brought before us at this time subjects of great importance which have received the careful attention of the Meeting, including Temperance, Peace, Social Purity and early training of children in the right way of the Lord.

It is indeed a great thing to know that our children are so trained that they in turn will not neglect the right culture of their own when they have families to rear.

The subject of Temperance was weightily considered with a unanimous conclusion that nothing short of entire abstinence and prohibition was sufficient for the Christian. On Peace and Arbitration also much interest was manifested and ardent desires were expressed that we might see the day when there shall be no more war between individuals or nations but that all might be willing to submit their differences to arbitration.

On the subject of Missions we were very much engaged and the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions together with an address from a native Syrian woman, Leayyah Barekat, who was present seemed to arouse us to feelings of enthusiasm not easily described.

But through all the questions on which the Meeting has passed at this time, love and condescension have prevailed in a marked degree, and the Divine presence has overshadowed us in all our deliberations, for which we are grateful.

Our work for the Indians has engaged our attention and our earnest desire to see them embraced in Christian fellowship has prompted us to more earnest diligence on their behalf.

And now dear friends, may the glory and praise of our dear Master stimulate us and you to work with increasing earnestness in whatever field He may appoint us that we may finally be accounted worthy to be called into the blest abode of the Lord God and the Lamb to praise forever His great and worthy name.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting:

William O. Newhall, Clerk.

Epistle to Western Yly Mtg.

To Western Yearly Meeting.

Dear friends:

Again we have gathered in our annual assembly at Portland, Maine, and while our Meeting is larger than common, we miss several from their accustomed seats that have been prominent in both the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Church. It is very cheering to us that as one by one those in mature life are called home, our young men and women are filling up the depleted ranks, and boldly taking their stand as advocates of a free salvation.

As in years past the Lord has sent His Gospel Messengers to us from other Yearly Meetings, (including your own) who have endeavored to declare unto us the "whole counsel of God." The burden of their exercise has been a full development of all the different gifts, so that every branch will have the true and real connection with the vine, and bring forth perfect and abundant fruit.

We gathered here with much anxiety in regard to some of the affairs of the Church, but it is wonderful how every difficult question has been calmly met, and the loving spirit of harmony has so prevailed that we have been led to exclaim, that effectual fervent prayer availeth much.

Our two Boarding Schools, one in Rhode Island and one in Maine have each had a prosperous year, and we are gratified, and thankful to our Heavenly Father, that we have two such schools, where the intellectual and religious training go hand in hand, where true manhood and womanhood are developed.

Our Home and Foreign Mission work has made good progress during the year. An interesting Epistle from the little Monthly Meeting at our Mission at Ramallah was very encouraging.

Last year we sent delegates to the International Peace Congress held in London", their report has filled us with new hope that the cause of the Prince of Peace is advancing.

The cause of Temperance has had a share of our labor and prayers, and we believe it is steadily moving forward.

Our Committee on Gospel Work has pursued its

Epistle to Western Continued.

labors under some difficulties but show good results.

With a salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting:

William O. Newhall, Clerk

Epistle to Iowa.

To Iowa Yearly Meeting.

Dear friends:

We send this, our Annual greeting to signify our fellowship with you in the Gospel of our Lord. Your expressions of loyalty to Him and of your love to us find a quick reception and affectionate response, to the praise of His Grace.

"There is one body and one Spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling." As brethren, let us fix this truth in heart and mind, in all our varied positions as co-workers with Him in the redemption of the world. Differing members have differing duties, may the power and harmony of the one Divine life work through all.

It is pleasant to read your report to us, of systematic effort, and of its fruit in an increased membership. May the Lord bless you more and more in this, and ever give you a patient and abiding love for His truth, and a willingness to heed His gentle guidance. On our part we have to report a small decrease in our membership and also perhaps some slowness in organized advance.

Nevertheless there have been quiet social and educational influences and a faithfulness in individual service, which no doubt the Lord will use for developing strength and blessing in many ways. Among these forces for our good we take pleasure in mentioning the sojourn of our dear friends Pliny Fry and wife, who, both in our Meetings and families, have given us cheer and comfort as well as sound instruction and advice.

Our Boarding Schools at Providence, R. I. and Vassalboro, Maine, are moulding thought and shaping Christian character; our Bible Schools are helpful, and our preaching seems to be improving in depth

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and dignity; young people are gaining in experience through their Fellowship and Endeavor Associations; our women Friends meet regularly and frequently in their little Missionary Societies and thus broaden out their views of Christian work.

There is a cheerful feeling of assurance that the Lord's heritage among us is not being wasted. Thankful that we are very nearly clear as regards the alcohol and tobacco evils, we are quite alive to our duties in putting the former under the ban of strict legal prohibition and the latter under the light of a purer public taste.

Faithful Committees have brought matters of universal interest to our notice by their reports, and have shown us grave duties to be faced with joyful courage.

Our discussions have brought sharply to light a variety of opinions, but we trust that they have also developed stronger ties of affection in the Lord.

"To Him be the glory forever — We bear
To the Lord of the harvest our wheat with the tare
What we lack in our work, may He find in our will
And winnow in mercy, the good from the ill."

We are with love your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall, Clerk.

Epistle to Canada

To Canada.

Dear friends:

Your Epistle of Seventh Month last has been received and read in this our annual gathering. We prize this bond of fellowship and expression of brotherly love; helping, as we believe it does to unite us in sympathy and to strengthen our efforts in one common cause.

It is cause for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that a larger number are gathered to this "feast of good things" than usual, and an especial cause for gratitude is the presence of many of our young Friends with hearts warm in the love of Christ, and willing and free in testimony and praise, to His dear name. Another cause for which we praise our Heavenly Father, is the welcome presence of a

Epistle to Canada Continued.

goodly number of His servants in the Ministry, who have been favored to declare the living Gospel with power; to the comfort of many hearts, and we trust, to the upbuilding of the cause of Christ amongst men.

The various branches of Christian work in which we are engaged, have been considered with deep interest. The cause of Peace and Arbitration has been prominent in our work the past year; engaged in by some of our most influential members. In view of the important questions now being considered by our respective governments, our earnest prayer is, that this just and conciliatory method of settling differences may always be pursued.

The condition of our Boarding Schools is reported good, Both being in a prosperous condition, and an increasing appreciation of their advantages is manifested by our members. We trust the time may soon come when your College at Pickering may be in successful operation again.

The report of our Committee on Gospel Work elicited much thoughtful discussion; growing evidence of increasing interest in the conversion of sinners, and strengthening of many of our Meetings by a deeper interest in the promotion of their growth.

Perhaps a larger number of our members are interested in Foreign Mission work than any other branch in which we are engaged, and the interest becomes very intense as we listen to the touching appeals of some of our Women Friends who are engaged in the special promotion of that important work.

That great foe of our country and yours; Intemperance continues to be aggressive; and we are continually being warned that we must not slacken our hands or relinquish our efforts in the least; to crush out by the complete annihilation, both of the manufacture and sale of that poisonous element. We pray that the time may soon come when all the friends of this great movement may be of one mind, and unite in one common method for its destruction. Our Bible Schools continue to claim our fostering care and in most instances have become a regular part of our Church work.

With a salutation of love, and an earnest prayer for your continued prosperity in all your

good work, we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting:

William C. Newhall, Clerk.

To Kansas.

Dear friends:

We send you greeting of Christian love and Fellowship. Your Epistle brings us gratifying reports, and assures us that your watch-words are Faith and Works.

We are especially glad to hear that your young people are becoming interested and are lending their valuable help, and by so doing fitting themselves for still more efficient service.

Our Young Friends Christian Fellowship Union, is proving a blessing to the Church. Their work is a purely Christian work, and they are entering into it with zeal. We believe it is of God, and will be one of the grandest agencies in fostering the growth of the Church. May nothing ever be allowed to distract their attention from the fundamental principles of Christian faith, the sure Rock upon which alone our branch of the Church, as well as every other can successfully build.

Rejoicing that the Temperance cause is prospering in Kansas, we gladly assure you that it is progressing in this State. Through fearless and energetic action the Prohibitory Law is completely enforced in Portland.

Our educational Institutions report a successful year.

A thrilling message delivered by a woman native of Mount Lebanon, Syria, aroused a new interest in Foreign Mission work, and gave us a clearer conception than ever before of what the Gospel is doing in that land, and of what it can do wherever it is presented and accepted.

We are cheered and encouraged by the accounts brought by our Evangelistic Committee, and by the deep interest manifested. The thought was repeatedly urged upon us, and we believe we are becoming awakened, as never before, to realize the fact that the object of Church organization is not that we may more enjoy the Gospel privileges, but that we may more effectively engage in Christian Work and Warfare.

We have been blessed by the attendance and

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services of several Ministering Friends from other Yearly Meetings, among them Dr Elias Jessup from your own.

There has been manifest in all our Meetings a conviction that "One is our Master", and our work one and much true condescention and harmony have prevailed.

With the prayer that you and we, as branches of the Church of Christ may prove faithful to our high calling, we bid you God speed in every good work.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting:

William O. Newhall, Clerk

Epistle to Ramallah Monthly Meeting

To Ramallah Monthly Meeting.

Dear friends:

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world according to the will of God and our Father. To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Eph 1-3-5.

Your loving greeting has touched our hearts, and we have rejoiced to know that the blessing of the Lord is resting upon you in your far away home.

You live in the land which was allotted to Benjamin, and we desire that you may experience the blessing given to that tribe, "The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him, and the Lord shall cover him all the day long and he shall dwell between his shoulders." Deut 33-12. As we dwell near the Lord, we shall find Him to be a very precious helper. Some of you have learned the truth of the declaration of our Lord, "Ye shall be hated of all men, for my names sake". Matt 10-12. We rejoice that by His strength, these have been able to endure persecutions. He, Himself was persecuted and rejected in the land where you dwell, and "the servant is not above his Lord" He however said of old, and says to his children to-day "Fear not. The very hairs of your head are all numbered". Matt 10-30.

All over your country you see the terraces covered with vines, from which you expect fruit. As you look upon them may you remember our Savior's words, John 15-5 & 6 "I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that-

abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing." If one of the branches of your vines is cut off from the main stem, you know it will wither and die without fruit. So if we are not united with our blessed Lord, the true vine, we cannot bring glory to Him by the fruit of our Christian lives. Then if your vines do not bear fruit, you pull them up and plant better ones. Dear friends, our Lord wants that we who are called by His name, who say we are His friends should show this in our lives.

Those who live near you, are watching you to see if your lives are pure and honest. If you are gentle and peaceable and growing each day more and more like Him.

You say in your letter that the changes going on among you are like the Moon, small at first, but growing larger and brighter until the full round moon is to be seen. Dear friends, let us remember that the moon shows more and more light as the shadow of the earth is removed from her. So as the worldliness is taken out of our hearts and we let nothing come between us and our dear Savior we too shall shine with increasing brightness because we reflect His light. And this will be the case not once in the month only but all our lives.

We are thankful that for you and for us there is One who is "able to save them to the uttermost who come unto God by Him". Heb 7-25.

"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one towards another according to Christ Jesus. That ye may with one mind and one mouth, glorify God even the Father of Lord Jesus Christ."

In love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

"William O. Newhall"
"Anna G. Wood" } Clerks.

Minutes 1892.

Yearly Meeting 1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport, R.I. commencing on Sixth day Sixth Month 10th, 1892.

Names of representatives 2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:-

From Rhode Island - Samuel R. Buffington, Henry B. Aydelott, William T. Collins, Robert W. Tifford, Daniel Meader, Augustine Jones, John T. Chace, Obadiah Chace, Herbert A. Skinner, Benjamin Greene, Charles A. Chace, Joseph S. Anthony, Robert B. Hanson and William H. Beale.

From Salem - Joseph Cartland, William O. Newhall, Peter M. Neal, George L. Crosman, Owen Dame, George C. Herbert, Walter B. Allen, Daniel C. Mayfield, Stephen R. Rogers, Allen P. Aldrich, Olney T. Meader, Cyrus Jones, Lebbeus Hill, Ezra Hawkes, Charles H. Atkins, William F. Vining and George A. Crosman.

From Sandwich - Gideon Wood, Edward G. Gillingham, Ephraim Gifford, Thomas F. Haffard, Arnold G. Tripp, David Kelley, George C. Nikell, Joshua L. Macomber, Benjamin H. Kirby, William H. Macomber, John A. Macomber, John B. Bayliss and Joseph Ewer.

From Falmouth - John J. Frye, Charles W. Goddard, William P. Rinkham, Charles M. Jones, George H. Farr, Lucius C. Dunham and Edward C. Jones.

From Smithfield - Isaac Steere, Richard Battey, John Metcalf, Sylvester S. Aldrich, James G. Arnold, E. Wheeler Swift, David B. Wheeler and Thomas A. Wheeler.

From Vassalboro - Alfred H. Jones, William A. Jones, James M. Estes, Rufus M. Jones, Henry H. Goddard and John B. Frye.

From Dover - Timothy B. Hussey, Samuel Buffum, John H. Osborne and Daniel T. Jenness.

From Fairfield - Warren Hawkes, Isaac Winslow, David J. Douglas, Jesse McPherson, Paul Wing, Joseph E. Briggs and Levi Jones.

From Presumpscot - Silas H. Cartland, Joseph S. Wernick, John B. Cartland, whose names being called they were present except seven by the absence of five of whom sufficient

Representatives

unt except 7. reason was assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend, George Grubb, a minister with satisfactory credentials from Cork Monthly Meeting, held First Month 7th, 1892 Munster Quarterly Meeting, held the 11th of First Month, and the Foreign Service Committee of Dublin Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in Dublin the 9th of Second Month, 1892.

4. We have also the acceptable company of the following beloved friends from American Yearly Meetings, viz; Seneca H. Stevens; Fernando G. Cartland; Harry R. Keats, and Edward G. Wood from New York Yearly Meeting; John Carey from Indiana Yearly Meeting; David E. Sampson from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; William G. Johnson from Western Yearly Meeting; John F. and Alice Hanson, William L. Pearson, and George N. Hartley from Iowa Yearly Meeting; who produced certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

5. We have read at this time a minute from our friends Clark M. and Esther P. Terrell from Oskaloosa Monthly Meeting, Iowa, he being an Elder and she a member of that Monthly Meeting. Also one from Emma Sampson an Elder an companion to her husband David E. Sampson, and Lindley M. Carey a member of Fairmount Quarterly Meeting, and companion to his father, John Carey, who are acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

[illegible] returning [illegible]

6. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning minutes, if may should open for it, is referred to the following named Friends Joseph Cartland, Charles W. Earle, William P. Pinkham, Jesse McPherson, Samuel R. Buffinton, Daniel C. Maxfield, and Rufus M. Jones, who are requested to unite with a similar committee of women friends and report at a future sitting.

[illegible] from other Yearly Meetings

7. [illegible] received at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond except Canada. We have also received one from the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah. Those from London of 1891, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, and North Carolina were now read, the reading of the remaining ones is deferred to another sitting.

Committee appointed to propose a Com. on Correspondence

8. We appoint a committee to propose at our next sitting a Committee on Correspondence as follows, viz.: Joseph H. Atwater, Daniel C. Maxfield, John B. Baylies, Charles M. Jones, L. Wheeler Swift, John A. Frye, Samuel Buffum, Joseph E. Briggs, and John B. Cartland.

Yearly Meeting Stock paid

9. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid or directed their treasurers to pay to the [illegible] of stock called for last year.

Auditing Committee Appointed

10. We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, Edward T. Tucker, John J. Frye, Isaac Steere, William A. Jones, William P. Tuttle, Josep E. Briggs, and Silas B. Cartland a committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be [illegible] to defray the expenses of

[illegible]
Friend for treasurer Oak Grove Seminary.

[illegible] 11. [illegible] appoint William P. [illegible] Charles [illegible] Charles [illegible] Metcalf, [illegible] [illegible] sitting.

[illegible] 12. The Committee of Arrangements [illegible] appointment make the following proposition [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] representatives [illegible] ations of Clerks, are requested to report [illegible] one of one Friend from each Quarterly Meeting, of men and women respectively, selected [illegible] permanent Committee to whom all nominations are to be referred during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

By direction of the Committee
Charles M. Jones, Chairman.

[illegible] year as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz:-
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports [illegible] united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving [illegible] public [illegible]
[illegible] Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 8th, 1870, aged 82 years, 9 months, and 15 days.

Changes in [illegible] continued.

William Jacob, a Minister and member of Rhode [illegible] Monthly Meeting, died [illegible] Month 31st, 1891, aged 63 years and 14 days. Thomas Harkness, an Elder and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Second Month [illegible] aged [illegible] years, [illegible] months, and [illegible] days. Thomas J. Battey has been appointed correspondent of Providence Monthly Meeting in place of Thomas Harkness, deceased; address 109 Lippitt Street, Providence, R.I.

[illegible] Meeting in changing the time of holding that [illegible]

[illegible] reports that it has [illegible] Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sylvina A. Manning and Martha C. Jepson to the station of Elder and that it has appointed [illegible] members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Lydia P. Chase, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting died [illegible] Month [illegible], aged 74 years, [illegible] months and [illegible] days. Alvina Andrews, an Elder and member of Boston Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 4th, 1892, aged 67 years and 17 days.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that the Meeting for worship at Falmouth from the [illegible] of the Fifth to the 1st of the Tenth Month is now held on both First and Fifth days at [illegible] A.M.

George Howland Jr. an Elder and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting died Second Month [illegible] 1892, [illegible] years, [illegible] months and [illegible] days. [illegible] correspondent of New Bedford Monthly Meeting in place of George Howland Jr. [illegible] address [illegible] Bedford [illegible]

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] Mitchell, [illegible] and [illegible] to the station of Elder, and with

[illegible] Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William P. [illegible] Jesse B. Holder to the same station. Jason B. Dixon a Member and member of the same Meeting, has removed to reside within the limits of [illegible] Meeting. Julianne Hubbard, an Elder and also a member of the same Meeting, died Twelfth Month, 19th, 1879, aged [illegible] years, 3 months and 4 days. That it has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles A. [illegible] [illegible] Rights, L. Marie [illegible] [illegible] to the station of Elder. [illegible] [illegible] and member of the same Meeting [illegible] out of the limits of this [illegible] Meeting. Esther [illegible], an Elder also a member of the same Meeting, died First Month [illegible] [illegible] years and [illegible] days. A Monthly Meeting has been established at Lewiston, Me. [illegible] known as Lewiston Monthly Meeting, to be held at 7 o'clock P.M. on Third day following the second Fifth day in each month except the Sixth Month, when it is to be held at the same hour on Third day, following the third Fifth day. Correspondent Josiah B. Holder; post office address, 205 College Street, Lewiston, Me. This Meeting has granted a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in Falmouth Monthly Meeting to be held at Portland, Me., at 2 P.M., on Fourth day before the third Fifth day in the First Fifth and Sixth Months and on Third day before the third Fifth day in the Eighth Month; and that Windham Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight be held at 1 P.M., on the third Fifth day in the First Fifth Eighth and Tenth Months, at Windham.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that George [illegible], an Elder and member of Cambridge Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 18th, 1879, aged [illegible] years and [illegible] days; [illegible] A. Wheeler, an Elder and member of

Changes in Quarterly Meetings continued.

Bolton Monthly Meeting, died Ninth Month 14th, 1891, aged 68 years, 3 months and 23 days: David Babcock, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Twelfth Month 4th, 1891, aged 86 years, 9 months, and 21 days.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that Charles Osborne, an Elder and member of Vassalboro [illegible] aged 72 years; that it has united with Unity [illegible] and approving the public ministry of George [illegible] in appointing John Jones to the station of [illegible]

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has added two associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has appointed five associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Sarah [illegible] died First Month 12th, 1892, aged 85 years, [illegible] and 21 days: Lavinia M. Briggs, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died First Month 21st 1892, aged 68 years, 3 months, and 5 days.

Mtg. adjourned. Adjourned to meet at 3.45 this P.M.

Mtg. assembled. Afternoon.— The meeting assembled persuant to adjournment.

[illegible] Dover [illegible] on behalf of the Representatives [illegible] formed the Meeting that they were united in [illegible] the [illegible] of Timothy B. Hussey for Clerk and [illegible] for Assistant Clerks for the [illegible] year which being separately approved

they are accordingly appointed to those services the ensuing year.

On the retirement of our esteemed friend William [illegible] Earle [illegible] from the position of Clerk to this Yearly Meeting, we desire to record our appreciation of the faithful [illegible] [illegible] he has rendered during the length[illegible] period of [illegible] years of [illegible] service [illegible] all the varied [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] to the dignity and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to perform the duties of the office.

Adjourned [illegible] Adjourned to meet in joint session at [illegible].

[illegible] The meeting met pursuant to adjournment.

[illegible] appointed. 5. The Committee [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] names of the following Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence which is approved by the Meeting, viz.:— Alfred H. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Henry H. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], James N. [illegible], William [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Henry C. Aydelott, William [illegible], [illegible] W. Earle, Charles W. Goddard.

[illegible] 6. The Committee [illegible] [illegible] of the Yearly Meeting School at [illegible], [illegible] presented their Annual Report, viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee [illegible] in charge the [illegible] School at [illegible], [illegible] established by and under the care of the Yearly Meeting, in presenting the [illegible] Annual Report of its operations, would state that while we have but little that will be [illegible] [illegible] what they have the great pleasure of informing the Meeting that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Providence School [illegible] continued

[illegible]

scholars, in the various branches in [illegible] they are engaged; and in their frequent [illegible] on First, and Fourth day [illegible] as the evening of First Days, they have found them to be [illegible] and religious interest have [illegible] in general, the Committee can [illegible] the school, of latter years, has in no-wise [illegible] of the Institution has been well maintained. The general health of the family, during the past year has been exceptionally good. One death, [illegible] the Principal, in his communication to us at our Meeting in the Fourth Month, stated: "We were saddened by the loss of Lois Anna Perry, a member of the senior class on the [illegible] Her sickness which was [illegible] has, we believe, graduated to a higher, [illegible] immortal life."

The decease of George Howland, Jr., one of our number, occurred on Second Month 18th, 1892: [illegible] almost uninterruptedly a member of the School Committee for nearly half a century. [illegible] records at our meeting in the Fourth Month, [illegible]

School the decease of our dear friend George Howland, Jr., who was for a long series of years a valuable and efficient member of this Committee, and for many years faithfully served the Committee in the capacity of clerk. We have gratefully to acknowledge our high appreciation of his uniform kindness, courtesy and fidelity as well as the marked cheerfulness which he manifested towards the students and all those in charge of the Institution; and in every way in which he was connected with it, he showed his warm attachment to the school and his earnest, prayerful desire for its best welfare."

Another vacancy has occurred in our number, on account of which, the following minute was placed upon our records in the Eleventh Month last, viz.: "The Committee hereby desires to express its appreciation of the long continued faithful and efficient service of our friend Charles F. Coffin, in the interests of this Institution."

The growing interest in Mechanic Arts, Drawing and Painting, and the crowded condition of the house seemed to the Committee to demand additional accommodations for these branches. It was decided at a meeting of the Committee in the Sixth Month last to erect, at the north of the east wing, a suitable building which was accordingly carried into effect and completed [illegible] the early part of Third Month last, greatly to the comfort, convenience and satisfaction of the instructors and pupils.

The number of scholars for the year has been boarders 161, day students 18, total 179.

The officers of government and instruction have been:—

Augustine Jones, A. M., L. L. D., Principal and Political Science.

William F. Sargent, A. M., Governor, and English Studies and Calisthenics for Boys.

Evelyn Barrows, B. S., Preceptress and English Studies.

Thomas J. Battey, A. M., Natural Science.

Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

[illegible] Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
[illegible] Walter [illegible] A. M., Higher Mathematics.
Frederick H. Howard, A. M., Greek and Latin.
Charles R. Jacob, A. B., English Studies.
Harriette H. Hacker, English Studies.
Abbie D. Cartland, Primary Room
[illegible] Presbrey, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
[illegible] Weeks, [illegible] Arts.
Charles E. Cobb, Charge of Boys' school-room.
Robert Banner, Instrumental Music.
Clara B. Presbrey, Calisthenics for Girls.
[illegible] Secretary and Book-keeper
[illegible] Librarian, Autumn Term.
Grace King Peaslee, Librarian, Spring Term.

Lecturer

[illegible] Bailey, A. M., Natural Science.

Report. Auditors' Report for the year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1891.

Receipts

Charitable Scholarship Fund	$2,062.50
Elizabeth Fry " "	1,500.00
General " "	6,100.00
Stephen T. Olney "	1,804.31
Board and Tuition "	30,972.92
Day Scholars' tuition	[illegible]
Auxiliary studies and use of pianos	[illegible]
	[illegible]

Expenditures.

[illegible]	[illegible].47
Wages	9,904.14
[illegible]	[illegible]
Repairs and renewals	3,476.63
Water	312.75
Light	[illegible]
Fuel	1,356.09
Library	443.35
Papers and periodicals	67.26
Incidentals	173.51
Debts considered bad	129.29
Advertising	1,054.93
Balance to profit and loss	2,374.55
	47,079.12

[illegible]

Robert P. Gifford
Samuel B. Griffin
James H. Chace
Charles Sisson
} Auditors.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the School, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150.00. Which to members of New England Yearly Meeting, from the Charitable Income Fund, a credit of $50.00, a credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting [illegible] from the same fund, of $25.00, And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if voted by the School Committee, from the Charitable Fund, of $50.00.

The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German of $10.00; for one year's instruction in mechanical and engineering drawing and painting $30.00.

It is understood that no deduction from the rate of payment shall be made, except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term of [illegible] absence.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

William O. Newhall, Clerk.

Providence, Fifth Month 31st, 1892.

Note.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 14th 1892, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 8th 189[illegible].

[illegible] to the School [illegible] be made [illegible] for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month [illegible], 1892.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month [illegible], 1892.

Applications should be sent to the Principal [illegible]

Providence School Report Continued.

Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

The Report is interesting and satisfactory, and has received the approval of the Meeting, and the Committee now under appointment with the exception of two members removed by death is re-appointed for the ensuing year.

We refer the vacancies to be filled to the Joint Nominating Committee to be appointed.

Report of Real Estate Committee.

17. The Committee on Real Estate presented their report which is satisfactory, and the Committee now under appointment is continued for that service the ensuing year.

Report of the Real Estate Committee to the Yearly Meeting:

We have sold during the past year as follows:—

1891 Seventh Mo. 1st. One lot 6,600 square feet for	[illegible]
1891 Seventh Mo. 1st. One lot 5,865 3-10 square feet for	5,[illegible]
1892 Fifth Mo. 21st. One lot 6,250 square feet for	2,431.50
Total Sales	10,630.30
1891, Eighth Mo. 20th. Received balance of purchase money and interest on deeds delivered	2,150.41
1891, Eighth Mo. 20th. Received payment of 4 Mortgage notes and interest	4,210.00
1892, Third Mo. 26. Received payment of 3 Mortgage notes and interest	3,017.00
Total receipts of other interest	513.69
Balance reported on hand last year	114.05
Total Receipts	20,635.50

Expenditures

Paid J. H. Chace, Treasurer from cash-mint [illegible]	20,[illegible].45
Paid expenses	84.17
Balance on hand with custodian	114.05
	20,635.50

Robert P. Gifford
Clerk of Real Estate Committee.

Providence R. I. Sixth Month 7th 1892.

Real Estate Committee.

Real Estate Committee.

James H. Chace, Samuel R. Buffinton, Olney T. Meader, Robert P. Gifford, Charles Sisson.

[illegible] 18. The Committee having charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute presented their Annual Report which has been read.

The earnest and faithful effort shown in the management of this school was encouraging, and the Meeting was united in thankfully accepting the report which is as follows viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting to the Yearly Meeting their annual report of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute the committee in charge would thankfully acknowledge the blessing of our Heavenly Father, which has rested upon the school during the past year. The attendance has been good numbering one hundred and twenty three and, with very little exception the health of the Board of Instruction and Pupils has been excellent. Under the efficient management of the principal Rufus M. Jones, aided by his wife, Sarah C. Jones, as head of the household department, the affairs of the Institution have been prudently and wisely administered, and a genial home feeling has been clearly apparent to those who have been privileged to mingle as visitors with the family and pupils. In the school and class rooms the labors of the principal have been ably seconded by the teachers in charge of the different departments and we believe that the literary work of the school will compare favorably with that of any previous year. The graduating class numbered thirteen and the commencement exercises which were attended by eighteen members of the Committee were interesting and satisfactory to all. Meetings for divine worship have been regularly held on first and fourth days, and social meetings usually conducted by the pupils, two evenings in the week. Several of the pupils have during the past year, started on the happy Christian journey; and these, with others of more advanced Christian experience, have manifested a deep interest in the religious work of the school, and have given evidence in their daily lives of the change wrought in them through faith in a living Saviour. The regular Meetings for worship have been frequently attended by members of the Committee, but none have been more legally blessed

Report of Committee [illegible] Bailey Institute Continued.

by the great Head of the Church than those in which no visitors were present.

During the school year a large and finely finished gymnasium eighty by thirty feet, has been erected, on the grounds north of the school building, and presented to the school by our Friend, Charles M. Bailey, who has also generously donated the sum of seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars and twelve cents to balance the school accounts. A timely and acceptable gift of one hundred dollars from a Friend in Lynn, Mass., has been used for the purchase of philosophical apparatus.

We have also to thankfully acknowledge a gift of sixty dollars for the Light Jones Fund from a Friend in Portland, Me. The board and tuition of ten pupils has been paid during the year through the generosity of friends of the school.

We believe that the Institution, under its present management is fulfilling the high "aim" of its founders "to develop strong upright, cultured Christian men and women," and we again commend it to the care of the Yearly Meeting.

The Principal for the coming year will be Rufus M. Jones, A.M. The rest of the faculty are not fully determined upon.

Calendar 1892-1893

Autumn Term begins Eighth Month 30th, 1892

Winter Term begins Eleventh Month 29th, 1892

[illegible] begins Second Month [illegible], 1893

Each term consists of twelve weeks, a vacation of one week [illegible] between the autumn and winter terms, and the winter and spring terms.

All applications for admission to the school should be [illegible]

Rufus M. Jones, A.M., Principal
Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute
Vassalboro, Maine.

On behalf of the Committee,

[illegible] Chairman
[illegible], Secretary

[illegible] Month [illegible]

The nomination of a committee to have the care of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute is referred to the Joint Nominating

Committee to be appointed.

Report of Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	64.06
[illegible]	[illegible]
Samuel R. Baffington, Treas. (on principal)	375.00
[illegible]	[illegible]
Interest on Mary [illegible] Fund	[illegible]
Subscription of A. M. Bradley & Son	9.37
Subscription of Macomber, Farr & Co.	17.50
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Donated by Charles M. Bailey, to balance account	778.12
	7,717.42

Expenditures.

Expense, repairs	62.61
Expense chargeable to last year's account	130.00
Insurance	500.00
[illegible]	[illegible]
Expense of School, chargeable to last year's account,	200.00
Scholarship	183.64
Trustees of N. E. Y. Meeting	500.00
Unpaid bill	532.57
	7,717.42

The insurance is paid in advance to Ninth Mo. 5th, 1894.

Joseph E. Briggs
Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer, and found them correct.

John J. Frye
Hannah J. Bailey } Auditors

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

The Committee on Education report that the present year has been a very successful one in the Schools of the Yearly Meeting and we trust for

[illegible] Education [illegible]ntinued.

[illegible]
[illegible] ant
the statistics show that large numbers of childr[illegible]
of the Yearly Meeting are not at either school, [illegible]
of the right age to be improved by the institution[illegible]
There are many well known reasons which [illegible]
tribute to this result, but the advantages in
[illegible] culture [illegible]
influences, are not, we think, sufficiently realized.
[illegible]
general education, the world over, [illegible]
no parallel in history.
[illegible] light [illegible] reaching the ignorant
masses [illegible] power which rejoices
our hearts. This should stimulate us to [illegible]
[illegible] they [illegible] capable, with
further endowment of doing vastly more ef-
fective work.
Our fathers sought to make sectarian nurseries
[illegible]
to see the breadth, and depth and scope of a large[illegible]
[illegible] influence
[illegible] all mankind.
We cannot hold, without untiring devotion
an influential place in the great domain of
[illegible] so fully awakened
and public money is expended so lavishly, when
the wealthiest persons vie with each other in the
[illegible] endowments. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
We should be unfaithful to our most sacred
duty if we turned this service over to [illegible]
mechanical, unfeeling hands of the State, or if
we gave place to other denominations with
[illegible]
Therefore [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] needed.
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] work, and do all we can by our [illegible] [illegible] to urge on the public schools to greater perfection. The public school is the child and offspring of the [illegible] school and needs its stimulating [illegible] [illegible].

The training of the intellect, which is a portion of that immortal mind, which is destined for eternity, cannot fail to be a matter of the deepest solicitude to the church which seeks the culture of the spirit, and to bring all men to Him who is the Life, the Truth, and the Way.

On behalf of the committee

Augustine Jones

Rufus M. Jones

Ruth S. Murray

Newport, Sixth Month, 10, 1892.

We appoint the same committee as last year to this service.

To the Yearly Meeting:

I have to report as Chairman of the Committee on Education the following sums of money:-

From Dover Monthly Meeting	2.00
From Fall River	2.50
From North Berwick	3.00
From Worcester	[illegible]
From Windham	3.00
From Weare	5.26
From Lynn	4.64
	[illegible]

Cr.

By sum transferred to the Peace Committee	3.00
Balance remaining	20.39

Sixth Month, 10, 1892. Augustine Jones.

Adjourned to meet in joint session tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Seventh Day Morning, The 11th. Inst.

The Meeting again assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

Nominating Com. [illegible]

20. Nominating Committee.— The Representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings have designated the following named Friends to constitute the Nominating Committee which is approved by this Meeting, viz:—
Rhode Island—Joseph H. Atwater, Eleta J. Collins.
Salem—William O. Newhall, Alice W. Maxfield.
[illegible]—Gideon Wood—Susan F. Hoxie.
Falmouth—John J. Frye, Emma A. Douglas.
Smithfield—Isaac Steere, Mary A. Battey.
Vassalboro—William A. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce.
[illegible]—Samuel Buffum, Almira B. Buffum.
Fairfield—Joseph E. Briggs, Mary C. Hawkes
Pittsfield—Silas H. Cartland, Melissa S. Dearborn.

Records of Representative Meeting read.

21. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read and approved.

Trustees of Mosher Fund.

22. Olney T. Meader and Owen Dame, were appointed to fill the vacancies occurring in the Trustees of the Mosher Fund.

Mtg. Adjourned.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon.

Meeting Assembled.

Seventh-Day Afternoon.
Friends assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

Communication received and referred to Special Committee.

23 A communication has been received by this Meeting, which, according to our custom, we place in the hands of a few Friends to examine and report at a future time, and we appoint for that service William O. Newhall, William P. Rinkham, Hannah [illegible], Eliza P. Pierce and Alfred H. Jones.

[illegible] Foreign Missions.

24. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz:—
To the Yearly Meeting:
The Foreign Mission Committee would submit to the Yearly Meeting the report of the work at Ramallah as furnished by our friend Etta H. Johnston. She says:—

At the commencement of the report for the past year we wish to acknowledge the loving kindness of God. Although we were called during that time to him without our dear Mission Mother, Huldah H. Leighton, yet He has guided and guarded and like the loving Father His children know him to be, has more than answered our petitions for His aid.

The Mission Monthly Meeting has just started upon the third year of its existence. Seven new names have been added to our list of thirty two already upon our record — four by birth and three by request. Of the latter, one is the new Syrian teacher, who will probably prove a blessing to the meeting, and the others are a mother and his wife — people who have long attended our meetings and have given evidence of having begun the Christian life.

The meetings for worship are well attended. The business meetings have continued to improve in respect to order and method, until now they quite resemble the quiet orderly business meetings of New England.

The average attendance at the Sabbath-morning Meetings is sixty-five, a small increase upon last year's number. Perhaps in no place have the loving words and wise counsel of our dear Huldah Leighton been more sadly missed than in these meetings. However, the presence of the "Great Head of the Church" has often been felt and our voices have sometimes been heard in prayer or exhortation. These Sabbath Meetings have been a source of strength and blessing to many. Our Monthly Meeting's Treasurer still continues to take up a collection once each month, and the little amounts which the people are able to give from their small means are given cheerfully and even joyfully.

In our last Monthly Meeting the Treasurer reported one hundred and seventy francs in the treasury. The people have the same object in view as before — that of aiding their dear New England friends when they are ready to build for them a meeting-house.

In Tenth Month, the members of various classes

[illegible] Bible study in [illegible] brought together and organized into a Sabbath School, [illegible] Englishman. It is held in the meeting-room, from three to four each Sabbath afternoon, and thus far has been one of the happiest and most profitable hours of the week. There is no other Sabbath School of the kind in Palestine.

The average number of attendants since organizing has been fifty-four.

These are arranged into eight classes — four for adults and the same number for children. Both teachers and scholars display eagerness in imparting or receiving the lessons; and it is a beautiful sight to see the little people, some of them seated upon the straw mats, looking up into the faces of their teachers, as they apply the Bible truths to their young lives.

The fathers and mothers, also, sitting with their heads covered with red and yellow turbans, or with long, white, cotton veils, seem like children in their [illegible] willingness or rather [illegible] to learn. The Bible is becoming [illegible] to some of these. The way they carry it about on the Sabbath and study it before groups of their Greek and Latin friends, seems a proof that they are proud of the Christians' sacred book. Once a month, we have given [illegible] and religious papers to the school. The papers are in Arabic, and were obtained last autumn for the asking from the Children's Special Service Mission, of London. Many of the natives who are Greek by religion, while they [illegible] to enter the meeting-room [illegible] and when the school is over ask those who can to read their papers in their hearing upon the corner of the street. Arabic literature is a good aid to the work, both in the Sabbath School and Training Home.

The former interest has been kept up [illegible]

[illegible] Fifth day evening prayer meetings. The people who attend [illegible] fill the school room where they are held, that we find it necessary to do without the presence of the Training Home girls except a few of the oldest. Most of the workers and several of the natives take part in these meetings, and we find them hours of blessing.

The Mothers' Meetings are carried on with much earnestness by [illegible] Dispenser's wife, who was formerly our teacher [illegible]. They are held twice a week in the eastern and western parts of the village, alternately. A few extra meetings were held in the house of Purieus Buddoorah, one of our teachers, we believe, with profit. The number of women who attend the regular Women's Meetings is eighteen. Those who once get into the habit of attending, seldom remain away if it is in their power to be present. The mothers bring their infants, and many their baskets of wheat to do [illegible] while their listens & small part of the two hours is devoted to teaching the young mothers how to read from the Bible and all are taught portions of Scripture by heart. Since there was no way to heat the meeting room, Emily invited the women, when the weather was very cold, to her own little other room near by which, with her husband, she had consecrated to the Lord upon entering it after her marriage. In these meetings the interest in that which is good and pure and right is increasing. We notice a slow but sure change for the better in the homes and lives of the down trodden women, at least those who have been brought under the Mission's influence.

One evening of each week is spent in teaching the children of the schools and the older people hymns. They seem to enjoy singing, especially the men and children. Or quickly do they

catch the words and music that in the past two years they have learned by heart over half a hundred hymns.

Since the interesting examination and concert last year the people of Ramallah have shown an increased interest in our schools. Many are begging to have their little girls taken into the Training Home and made useful and good.

Ever the answer is given to them: "There is no room. May God hasten the day when there will be room for many that they may be trained for Christ teachers & wives of the future. The condition of Palestine in the future depends so much upon the training of the boys and girls of the day! So rapid has been the change for the better in the few girls now in the Training Home, that we are longing to bring more from the miserable Moslem villages and teach them of Christ, the Children's friend. Now that the people of Ramallah have seen the good effect of christianity and education are having upon their daughters they are asking for the same blessing for their sons. Often they say to us: "Why do not your people provide a Training Home for our boys? Please will you tell them that we love our boys too, and want them also, to be trained rightly." How all would rejoice if, in the near future, we could see upon this "Hill of God" in little Ramallah Training Homes for both boys and girls. We pray that our God, whose work it is, may, in His own good way, provide that the children may be taught the way of salvation and go out from Ramallah a blessing to their country.

The twenty girls in the Training Home have made excellent progress in their studies, housework, knitting and sewing. When we began School in Tenth Month, there was a vacant place caused by the death of one of the most promising of our girls Kookreyeh Nickhoo. She died during summer vacation while at her home in Haifa. When this child first entered the Home one short year before her death, none was, or could be, in greater need of training. Since she was

[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible], she [illegible] improvement. During the spring term, she had given evidence of a change of heart from her life and conversation. [illegible] she is now safe in heaven with the Saviour whom she confessed and loved on earth. Her death made a deep impression upon her school-mates, and since that time some have appeared more thoughtful regarding sacred things. [illegible] filled with a little girl six years old belonging to a friend in our own village. This child Theophile Rafeedie is now the youngest in the Home. [illegible] happy as a little bird, healthy, innocent and pretty. She is the pet of the school. Together with the rest of the little ones, she has committed to memory six chapters from the Bible besides many other things. In Fourth Month, a short time before Huldah H. Leighton left us, a new teacher Martha [illegible] by [illegible] came from Baalbec to assist in the Training Home work. She is beloved by all and has done [illegible] work for the Mission during the year, [illegible] has been taken by both Martha and our head teacher, [illegible], to have the children thorough in all they do. Some new tasks have been added during the past year such as [illegible] in the weekly washing, preparing bread for baking and cutting and fitting their simple clothing. We are able to say of these girls that nearly all are both [illegible] fond of both work and study. Although there is [illegible] [illegible] for improvement, their progress has been so rapid and satisfactory in respect to thoroughness that the Training Home work is among the pleasantest and most hopeful of all. A part of each morning is spent in reciting English, and in these lessons they are joined this year by the larger of the boys from the Day School. The children display much cleanness in picking up our language, especially since the beginning of the winter term of school when a rule was made obliging all to speak English every Sixth day, have they made rapid improvement.

The daily Scripture lessons with the children are exceedingly interesting and their intelligent questions and answers show plainly that they are getting

[illegible] an excellent foundation for the Spirit's work. The old girls are quick to perceive the application of scripture truths to their lives.

Every child has thoroughly committed to memory a verse of scripture every day, except during vacation and seventh days, since the autumn term began. Some of our dear girls have begun to live for [illegible]. We firmly believe that in answer to your prayers and ours, all will in time be brought into His fold. There are twenty-one boys now in the Day School. The Greek priests have started a school for boys, and during the past two years have succeeded in [illegible] the fathers of our boys to send them to receive their [illegible] teaching. Those who remain are mostly from Greek families, but are related to the Friends or those who come under the Mission's influence. Although these boys have made fair progress, yet we cannot report as much satisfaction in this as in the Training Home work, since home influences counteract much of the good teaching which they get at school.

Our Girls' Day School is now under the care of Helenie Tatah, who was formerly in the Training Home, and last year assistant teacher. Her girls number twenty eight with an average of nineteen. They have been examined once a month, and as good work has been done as can be expected, when we remember the relation each girl bears to her home—that of a slave. Much scripture has been taught these children, also hymns, which some of them sing in their wretched cave homes.

Six months during the year the evening school for men was kept. Those who attended regularly did excellent work under the teaching of ever-faithful Jurious Buddovrah. He met his pupils in the boys' school room three evenings of each week and spent two and often three hours with them. The men of this school are all members of the Friends Society. Two of them began the alphabet and are now able to read any chapter in the New Testament. Besides reading,—spelling, writing, and arithmetic were taught, and the lessons were followed by a few moments of silence and then prayer was offered, either by Jurious or one of his pupils, in conclusion. It affords much pleasure to report the work of the

[illegible] Medical Department this year. It has done notly for the
Mission sick, notwithstanding the sorely-felt need of a hospital.
The new Doctor seems admirably adapted to the place and is
loved and honored by the people.
Several times during the winter the Doctor and Dis-
penser met from fifteen to twenty of the native men
in the "Guest Room" of the village, and spoke to them
upon the subjects of love, peace in and between
families, cleanliness as conducive to health, etc.
During the year thirty six villages were visited for
medical treatment, more than thirty six hundred pre-
scriptions were made up at the Dispensary, and over
ninety surgical operations (nearly all successful) were
performed. The income from the medical visits was
twenty-two hundred francs. For medicine four hun-
dred francs were paid out, while the income at the
Dispensary amounted to eight hundred fifty six francs.
A clinic was held as formerly three days each week,
when the Doctor and Dispenser devoted fifteen minutes,
to Bible-reading and prayer. While receiving pre-
scriptions or waiting for remedies for their bodies
patients were often spoken to separately about the
Great Physcian, who alone can cure the worst of all
diseases—sin.
Six persons, belonging to a family of seven, some of
whom are Friends, were ill at the same time with
typhoid fever. Since there was no hope of their re-
covering, situated as they were in their one cold, damp
room, and since there was no hospital, we gave them the
use of one of the boys' school-room and sent the school to
the meeting room for one month. They have since been
overwhelmed with gratitude for the help, and are ever
seeking to show it by kind deeds and words. Care was
taken to have the school room thoroughly cleansed
before using it for the children. Death removed from
the afflicted family their aged mother, with whom
some of the workers were privileged to have some earnest
talks, the result of which is left with God. The others
recovered and now one of the brothers has changed a
worldly life for that of a Christian and has applied
for membership with Friends.
The appearance of cholera in the northern part of

[illegible] Palestine necessitated the placing of soldiers at every important road in the country.

Our Mission Physician was called upon by the Government to attend the nearest quarantine three times a week. It was stationed at a village called Singel, mid-way between Jerusalem and Nablous and four and one-half hours northeast of Ramallah.

The doctor began his visits Tenth Month 21st and ended them the first of Second Month, at which time the quarantine was raised.

Since the last report, scarlet fever, measles and influenza have prevailed more than other diseases. In our own village, seventy-three children died with scarlet fever and forty eight with measles. If there had been a hospital in which to take them probably most of these could have been saved.

Measles and influenza were raging at the same time among the children of the Training Home and doctor's family. Many of the workers also were ill with the latter; but since much depended upon good nursing as well as medical treatment, all completely recovered, although some cases were indeed critical and caused much anxiety. Only the strongest can hope to survive in such houses or caves as the native people inhabit here.

Prayer goes up from the Mission, as well as from many New England homes, that God will speed the day when there will be a hospital raised upon this hill.

In medical mission work, Palestine people, even the most prejudiced among the Moslems, can and do see the practical love of Christians. Testimony as it does deeds of love together with the words, it affords an admirable opportunity for spreading Christianity.

At Christmas time the preparations and performances at the Mission were the same as last year, and it was a happy joyous time for all. Simple prizes were given to the boys and girls of the Day Schools whose attendance was regular, and Bible and hymn books were presented to eight of the Training Home children for superior conduct during the year.

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On Christmas day a special Bible service was profitably held in the sitting-room of the Mission building. Our Christmas vacation lasted ten days, and was mostly devoted to receiving calls from the Ramallah people. Those who came numbered over a hundred. Unlike former years the men called by families or tribes, each numbering about fifteen. The women came as usual by twos or threes, with their children.

Last autumn, the Mission vineyard yielded over six hundred rattles of grape (about 2,600 lbs.) more than in former years. About half of these were stored for winter use in the form of raisins, molasses and jam. This spring the vineyard has been ploughed and penned in the same manner as it was one year ago.

The fig, almond, pomegranite, and other trees give promise of yielding much fruit for the Training Home in the coming autumn.

Barley was sown in every available place, and is growing nicely.

Nimer, the faithful Arabian Mission horse, has done excellent service for the medical department during the past year, and although twelve years old, seems strong and ready for more.

We have been cheered and gladdened by visits from three of the Brumana workers, some of our dear English friends, and several missionaries from this and other countries.

As this paper starts on its long journey over the sea, it leaves every member of your Mission family well and happy. Let it bear to New England friends the message that God is ever with us and may He keep them also, as He has kept us, in the hollow of His hand.

The Committee are impressed with the responsibility laid up Friends in the open door which the Lord has set before them in these Bible lands.

So many requests to receive girls into the Home have to be refused for lack of room that the Committee feel that some enlargement of the Mission building is necessary.

A plan of the same having been procured, the chairman was directed to present the subject and its needs to the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

Ruth S. Murray, Secretary.

This Report has been interesting and cheering to us and we regard in the renewed evidence furnished, that the Lord has blessed our work, and that our Mission is a centre from which the light of the Gospel is emanating and gradually penetrating the surrounding darkness. The Committee asked for 4,000.00 to carry on the another year.
We refer the nomination of a Committee to carry on the work to the Joint Nominating Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

Committee on Foreign Missions for New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, in account with William S. Hussey, Treasurer.

Condensed Report

Receipts from Subscriptions	$4,399.34
Amount drawn from deposit in Bank	853.75
	$5,253.09

Disbursements	$4,351.75
On hand for Building Fund	901.34
	$5,253.09

Examined vouchers and found correct.

Robert P. Gifford, Auditor.

Newport, Sixth Month, 11, 1892.

We acknowledge with gratitude the reception of a beautiful copy of Webster's International Dictionary donated by the Publishers, G. & C. Merriam, Springfield, Mass., also of an excellent scale presented by the manufacturers [illegible] & Co., St. Albans, Vt.
Both of these useful presents are in daily use at the Mission at Ramallah.

Report of Com. on Gospel Work.

25 Report of the Committee on Gospel Work was now presented and read, and is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Under a sense of the goodness of the Lord in blessing us in the Gospel, we come to you with our annual report. "Truly, the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Our concern seemed to present to us the great [illegible] questions which lie at the threshold

of church obligations and duty, viz.: the practical, systematic, and economical use of all the forces of the Yearly Meeting, which are called of the Lord into either pastoral or evangelistic work; and the bringing of these into action in harmony with the Divine will and under the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit so as to involve the responsibility of the Church and bring into exercise the gifts conferred upon it. We found nearly all our meetings destitute of any systematic plan for keeping themselves alive and building up the membership.

We have failed in our plan to have all our meetings blessed with special work. We could not send our workers indiscriminately into every meeting, and we were embarrassed by the general prevailing sickness, and, for want of means, were obliged to suspend our work at the most important time. By the reports received from the Friends appointed in each Quarterly Meeting to have the care of the work, we learn that the concern of the Committee has been largely attended to.

Nearly all our meetings have been visited. In some places meetings lasting two days or so have been held, and very many families have been visited, and the newly converted and renewed have been more generally looked after, encouraged, and instructed than heretofore. A large number of those who have claimed Christ as their Saviour are holding on to their profession. Some of our meetings that have no resident minister have been regularly supplied with a minister or other active worker, and a large amount of pastoral work of an incidental character has been done. Nearly all the reports that have reached us are encouraging, in regard to the work of the Lord. From these reports of the Quarterly Meeting Superintendents, we present, as a result of our work, the following, viz.:—

Number of meetings visited	63
Series of meetings	11
Number of meetings held	722
Families visited	623
Number of professed conversions	224

Report of Com. on Gospel Work continued.

Number of renewals	122
Number claiming sanctification	80
Meetings that report gain over last year	12
Number of requests for membership	126
Meetings kept up in school houses throughout the year	4

Bible readings, meetings for children, temperance, and foreign missions have been held with good results. While we would be careful in our reports not to exaggerate we believe we can say, to the glory of God, that our work has been blessed with more spirituality, and the currents of Divine Life have been broader and deeper than last year. In conclusion we will say that our observation and experience teaches us that some form of systematic service must be instituted and carried out, in order rightly and fully to accomplish satisfactory results in pastoral care of the flocks in the liberty and life of the Spirit.

Many of our meetings are in need of an efficient, resident minister who has the gift of a pastor. Meetings of this kind are located in cities and in the country where non-members and strangers attend, large meetings, especially with many young people and children, and places where meetings may be gathered away from Friends' neighborhoods. We recommend to the Church the consideration of this important subject. We gratefully acknowledge the uniform kindness shown us and all the workers, the readiness of meetings and individuals to co-operate with us in all our work, the self-sacrificing devotion of those who have gone forth to labor, the liberality by which Friends have supplemented the consecrated means given at last Yearly Meeting and the general unity which has prevailed.

With a living sense of gratitude we render an ascription of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord our God who by His Holy Spirit has led, sustained and strengthened us, and has given power and success to all, as they have gone forth preaching Jesus and Him crucified.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee.

David J. Douglas, General Supt.

P.S.—It is the judgment of the Committee that ($2,000) two thousand dollars is needed to carry on the work the coming year.

David J. Douglas.

This deeply interesting report was satisfactory to the Meeting. We feel that a great deal of work has been done by the Committee with cheering results. It was concluded to continue the work under the care of a Committee, the nomination of which is referred to the Joint Nominating Committee.

Treasurers Report of the Gospel Committee.

Receipts.

1891, Sixth Month, 12, Balance from last year	$34.46
1891, Sixth Month, 14, Cash returned	10.00
1891, Sixth Month, 17, Cash by Subscriptions	[illegible]35.65
1892, Second Month, 16, Cash from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	50.00
1891, Ninth Month, 5 to Sixth Month 10, 1892 from Monthly Meetings	[illegible]
	$1,042.88

Expended

For Gospel work	$958.25
Balance on Hand	84.63
	1,042.88

Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer.

26. The subject of providing a central location for holding the sessions of the Yearly Meeting which was referred to the Representative Meeting last year, was brought under consideration in the report of that Meeting. While we are aware that the hallowed associations of the past, centre at Newport, we still feel that the exigencies of the present require a central position for the sessions of the Yearly Meeting. Desirous of moving with due care and deliberation in such an important matter, the Meeting decided to hold its sessions next year at Lynn, Mass., it being understood that all legal questions connected with the subject should be referred to the Representative Meeting about to be

[illegible] appointed, and all necessary arrangements for holding the Meeting next year should be under their care. In case the proposition to meet in Lynn should be unadvisable the Representative Meeting shall have power and authority to summon the Yearly Meeting to meet at Portland, Me. as heretofore, at the usual time.

[illegible] Adjourned in separate sessions Second-day morning, at ten o'clock.

Second-Day Morning, 13.

[illegible] assembled. Met in separate sessions pursuant to adjournment.

Representatives [illegible] 27. The names of the Representives being called, they were all present except ten, for the absence of seven of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

[illegible] 28. The committee for that purpose presented the following report, which is approved by the Meeting by [illegible] the Yearly Meeting:

We the Committee appointed to examine certain papers addressed to the Clerks of the Yearly Meeting, report that we have examined the same, and do they refer to a matter which came before the Yearly Meeting of women Friends in 1873, and which according to the records of the Yearly Meeting that year was properly disposed of, we are united in the conclusion that they should not be read in the Yearly Meeting.

William O. Newhall
William P. Pinkham
Hannah J. Bailey
Eliza P. Pierce
Alfred H. Jones.

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 13th 1882.

Committees [illegible] 29. The Joint Nominating Committee presented the names of Friends to constitute Committees on the following lines of work, viz.: The Yearly Meeting School at Providence, Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey

Institute, Foreign Missions and Gospel Work, all of which are [illegible] considered were approved by the Meeting. The names of these Committees with their organizations will appear later in the Minutes.

[illegible] 30. Epistles were now read from Indiana, Western, Iowa, Ohio, and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and from Ramallah Monthly Meeting. The epistle from Ramallah has been especially interesting to us, and has encouraged our hearts in the work in which as a Yearly Meeting we are in Bible lands

[illegible] of the [illegible] 31. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund submitted the following report, which has been approved viz.:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The income for the year ending Sixth Month, 1892 has been

From the City of Boston Bond	$500.00
Paid to J. E. Paige, Treasurer of the Committee on the income of this fund	$500.00
The fund is invested in one City of Boston 5% Bond	$10,000.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	960.87
Lynn Institution for Savings	2,272.51
	13.223.38

Being the amount received from the late trustee Charles F. Coffin. One year's interest on Savings Banks Deposits has not been collected.

Chas. T. Meader, } Trustees.
Owen Lamb, }

Newport, Sixth Month 11, 1892.

[illegible] 32. The following proposition from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has been referred to the Representatives in attendance of this meeting, viz.:- This Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to make a new apportionment of Yearly Meeting stock among the several Quarterly Meetings.

[illegible] 33. The proposition to change the name of the Representative Meeting has been referred to the Representatives in attendance of this Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] 34. The following propositions from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting have been referred to the

Proposed changes in Queries

Representatives to the Meeting, viz.:—
This Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting that the words "use of beverage" be stricken out of the fifth Query, also that "growing" in the last part of the second unanswered query be stricken out.

Committee appointed to consider the

32. It is the conclusion of this Meeting that the following proposition from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting be referred to a Committee of men and women Friends. They are to give the subject due thoughtful consideration and report to the Meeting next year. The nomination of this Committee is referred to the Nominating Committee.
This Meeting requests the Yearly Meeting to consider the subject of spiritual gifts with reference to the official recognition and acknowledgment of a greater variety of those gifts than heretofore.

Minute of Kansas Quarterly Meeting

33. Request from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.
It is the conclusion of this Meeting that a request be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting that a protest should be forwarded from that body to the authorities having charge of the proposed World's Fair at Chicago against the opening of the exhibition on the First day of the week, and also that all consistent means should be used for the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors in or about the Fair grounds.
We are united in referring to a Committee of men and women Friends to prepare a suitable memorial to be signed by the Clerks of this Meeting and forwarded to the President of the United States, Senate, and House of Representatives now in session at Washington, also to the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition at Chicago.
The nomination of this Committee is referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Suffering of Friends in Alaska

37. The subject of the outrages committed upon members of our Religious Society in Alaska, and the suffering of Friends and others there, in con-

Rec'd continued. sequence of the liquor traffic, claimed our serious consideration, and the Meeting was united in entering our protest against the proposed Bill now before Congress, to license the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to petition the President of the United States, Senate, and House of Representatives, that said Bill may not be passed, and also that such efforts may be afforded that the present law in the Territory may be faithfully enforced.

The draft of a petition is referred to the Severance Committee.

Quarterly Mtg Statistics. 38. The statistical Accounts, received from our several Quarterly Meetings, were now read, and are as follows, viz:

	Number of Members at last accounts	Received since last year's account. Birth	Received since last year's account. Letter	Births	Deaths	Removed in	Removed out	Admitted	Released	Disown	Disowned	Present number at this time
Rhode Island	843	0	0	7	15	11	2	53	12	42	0	885
Salem	696	0	0	3	17	16	6	16	14	0	2	694
Sandwich	578	3	0	1	20	0	3	3	2	0	18	560
Falmouth	571	0	0	5	21	11	14	18	12	0	13	555
Smithfield	342	0	1	0	8	0	2	1	16	0	26	316
Nassaltoro	496	0	0	4	11	2	3	19	1	10	0	506
Dover	174	0	1	1	3	0	3	4	4	0	6	190
Fairfield	537	0	4	5	12	2	7	28	17	0	10	527
Parsonsfield	157	3	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	3	0	160
Total	4416	6	11	28	109	42	41	143	78	55	75	4393
Net Loss											93	

Statistics of Schools

	Number of children between 4 and 21	Number of children between 13 and 21	Number attending school 20 days	Number not attending school any part of the year	Number of children taught at home by parents, guardians, friends, between 4 and 21
Rhode Island	153	87	116	20	16
Salem	117	76	102	10	7
Sandwich	78	42	42	14	9
Falmouth	98	46	79	13	10
Smithfield	28	21	27	5	0
Nassaltoro	65	55	40	7	7
Dover	22	14	17	2	2
Fairfield	54	30	42	6	2
Parsonsfield	31	15	28	0	3
Total	646	386	493	77	56

Changes in [illegible] 39. This Meeting is united in referring to the Representatives the consideration of such changes in our Discipline as will help our Monthly Meetings in the right action relating to removals of our members from our limits

[illegible] Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Afternoon

[illegible] assembled. Met in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

Communication [illegible] 40. A communication having been received addressed to this Meeting, we place the same in the hands of William C. Newhall and Augustine Jones to examine and to report to the Meeting.

[illegible] 41. The civilization and religious improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River have long claimed the attention of our Meeting.

The Committee appointed to that service have presented the following report, viz.:-

Report of the Committee on Western Indians.
To the Yearly Meeting.

Efforts to Christianize and civilize our Native Americans are weighted by the bad influence of some white people who have rushed in upon Indian lands (now open to settlement) bringing with them the vices of many years. The past year has had its successes and defeats, but the gains have out weighed the losses.

From the report of the Associated Executive Committee we learn that the meetings established previous to the last annual report have been maintained throughout the year; and to these have been added: Oak Grove near the Iowa meeting, Tecumseh near Shawneetown; Miami City near the Ottawa meeting, Cayuga near the Seneca meeting.

Nearly all the Bible Schools report, that portions of Scripture are committed to memory and repeated;

[illegible] such as the Twenty Third Psalm, the First Psalm and other selections. Some of the meetings and Bible schools are learning to contribute to the support of missions and one at least sent a few dollars to the Russian Famine Fund. Within a year, good plain substantial buildings for meeting and school purposes, twenty two by thirty four feet in size, have been built at Tecumseh and Cayuga. Some of the means contributed for the erection of both these houses have been made by members and others living in the vicinity.

On the Cayuga house there remains a debt of one hundred and eighty dollars. The other is free from debt. John and Eliza Watson have charge of Skiatook Mission: their daughter Eva with an assistant conducts the school. There were twenty four deaths in the vicinity within four months but the meeting and school have prospered. A very much needed addition has been made to the school-house, doubling its capacity, and greatly increasing the usefulness of the school. These seven buildings (counting that for the Modoc station as two) added to those reported last year give us now nine comfortable dwellings and eleven good school and meeting houses.

Ten men are engaged in religious labor among these meetings, of whom eight have the very important aid of their wives, and there are four other women acting as missionary teachers. All the Friends labor in part for their own support, the men taking an active part in the construction and repair of the buildings they use.

The Cayuga meeting has been built up largely by John and Lucy Kinney (Indian members), who put up a house on an allotment of two acres. The meeting has averaged about sixty in attendance since the erection of the house. Charles W. Goddard and wife were removed from the Senecas to the Modoc Mission last Ninth Month. This band is now reduced to sixty six in number. Several have gone back to their old home in Oregon, and others have died. They are more industrious than most of the Indians and are religious, though much exposed to the temptations of the border towns.

On the allotment of land to these Indians, the location heretofore occupied by our Mission home

Report of Com. on Western Indian Territory.

was given to one of the tribes, and the allotment to the Society for Church and school purposes, was made three quarters of a mile distant. The abandoned Government school-house, which had been used for meeting and school purposes was purchased for a small sum. This house was moved to the allotment and remodeled (by C. W. Goddard) which, with a small addition, makes a dwelling with five rooms for the Mission family, and a meeting room that will seat comfortably one hundred and forty 140 persons, at a cost of about five hundred dollars. Shade trees have been set out, and grape vines and fruit trees planted. The Mission is pleasantly located, and is one of the best Mission homes in the Territory.

Soon after the buildings were completed a series of revival meetings were held, with little interruption for five weeks, by C. W. Goddard, assisted by Jeremiah Hubbard and Robert Quiggen. As a result the tribe is better united, and their testimonies and prayers more frequent.

Besides attending meetings at the Modocs, our Missionary attends regularly several in other localities.

By Act of May 2, 1890, Congress divided the Indian Territory, and created the Territory of Oklahoma out of the western portion thereof, with the public land strip north of Kansas, and Colorado, otherwise known as No man's Land. The new Indian Territory is that part of the United States occupied by the Cherokee, Creek, Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Seminole nations, known as the five civilized tribes, and by several tribes in the Quapaw Agency, contiguous to the north-east corner of the Cherokee Nation. Nearly all the tribes, with the exception of the five civilized, have taken their allotment, and the remainder of nearly all the reservations has been open to white settlement.

In several places the introduction of the whites who have largely outnumbered the Indians, are, some of them, more dangerous

to good government (however wild and uncivilized the Indians are). Especially is this true in the new Territory of Oklahoma, where Shawneetown is situated.

From letters received, we are informed that the Shawnees have received their last money from Government for the sale of their lands. Some of them are using it to good purposes, buying wagons, harnesses, agricultural implements, and fencing their lands. The new town Tecumseh, three miles from Shawneetown, had nearly as many saloons as business houses a few months ago. They sell to Indians without restraint, and drunkenness prevails. The terrible tide carries many away. Through the efforts of Dr. Kirk, a house for school and meeting purposes was soon erected, and sixty children are being taught in it every day, by Robert W. Hodsdon, a minister of the Society of Friends. Another minister, William Neal, felt called to work here. As no means were available for his support the Missionaries share their support with him. He visits from house to house every day.

All the workers are doing their best, looking to the Master for direction and strength. John and Mary Mardock continue their earnest labor of love at the Iowa Mission. The teacher, Lina B. Hunt, from our own Yearly Meeting, makes one of the family. (She is supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.)

This tribe has suffered great disturbance from the allotment of their lands, and intoxicants sold in the border towns. Yet souls have been won and built up in the faith. The Mission house is built of logs, situated in a low place, wholly unsuitable to live in. As Friends did not begin work at the Iowa until after the passage of the Dawes Land-in-Severality Bill, the allotting agent would not set apart the land where our improvements have been made, to Friends' use.

Notwithstanding this John Mardock has also visited the Kickapoos once a month. On one visit he found them painted and engaging in a war dance. The arrest of

some of their young men for drunkenness (after the white men had been licensed to sell whiskey to them) was the cause of this. They said they might as well kill the Marshal, and then all get killed, as to live this way. John, however, quieted them, and they are now interested in building a meeting-house.

Notwithstanding this, John Murdock has made the first claim to the land as a homesteader, and we hope to purchase the land in the near future, for which money has been raised by one of our number to the amount of $16, and enough appropriated by the committee to raise the sum to $200. We need $400 for this purpose.

In the recent troubles in the Northwest a very little thing brought on that war, when two hundred persons were killed and one million dollars expended.

General Morgan, Commissioner of Indian affairs says; "untold good has already been done by the churches, through distinctively missionary work, and that there never has been a time in the history of the Indians, when they were so susceptible as now to religious influences."

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is three thousand five hundred dollars. We recommend that five hundred and twenty five dollars be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We also ask that the treasury of our own Committee be replenished, not only by a collection in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings to the amount of $1,000.

On behalf of the Committee
Myra E. Frye, Secretary.

Newport R. I. Sixth Month 13, 1892.

We rejoice in the blessed results that have crowned their earnest labors and greatly desire their encouragement in this important service.

The [illegible] of a Committee to have the care of this concern is referred to the Joint Nominating Committee.

[illegible] Committee on Western Indians, Treasurer's Account.

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible] Yearly Meeting, 1871	[illegible]
[illegible]	From Bible Schools	24.76
[illegible]	[illegible] Monthly Meetings	356.07
	From special collections	123.05
		1,070.44

Payments.

Missionary support	[illegible]
Building purposes	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Balance on hand.	5.44
	1,070.44

[illegible]

[illegible] 42. The Committee [illegible] reported that the paper contained a request that the Yearly Meeting reconsider its decision in the appeal case from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, acted upon in 1885, as recorded in the Women's Minutes that year, on pages 62 and 68. This Meeting is united in referring the case to the Representative Meeting to be appointed.

[illegible] 43. The Report of the Bible School Committee was read and is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

In submitting [illegible] Bible schools during the year, with [illegible]

An endeavor has been made to collect reports from every school in the Yearly Meeting, and with a good degree of success, but few schools having failed to respond.

At the beginning of the year our Committee was organized in a manner somewhat different from usual, by the appointment of a general superintendent and a superintendent for each Quarterly Meeting, then being in addition to the chairman, secretary, and treasurer. It is to the interest of the Quarterly Meeting [illegible] that is largely due our success in securing full reports from each quarter. [illegible] intendents in the matter.

The Statistical Report thus [illegible] submitted.

Statistical Report.

Quarterly Meeting	Local Name of School.	Superintendents Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting	Membership of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Rhode Island.	Portsmouth.	Dr. Benj. Greene. Portsmouth, R. I.	Rhode Island.	40	40
	Newport.	R. C. Wetherell. 52 Third St. Newport, R. I.	Rhode Island.	50	20
	E. Greenwich.	Lydia Drinkwater. E. Greenwich, R. I.	Greenwich.	12	8
	Fall River.	Herbert A. Skinner. Fall River. Mass.	Swansea.	97	57
	Somerset.	Charles E. Sherman. Pottsville. Mass.	Swansea.	71	42
	Lower Smithfield	Louisa N. Meacher. 33 Barton St. Pawtucket.	Providence.	30	19
	Providence.	Robert P. Gifford. Box 453. Providence	Providence.	23	13
	Friends School.	Augustine Jones. Principal.	Providence.	209	160
	Hopkinton	William T. Collins. Hopkinton, R. I.	So. Kingston.	20	15
		Totals.		552	374
Salem.	Boston.	Lindsay S. Jones. "The Clyde" Isabella St. Boston.	Boston.	57	32
	Lawrence.	S. Swett. Ayer's Village Haverhill	Boston.	75	65
	Lowell.	David Hamm. 46 Dalton St. Lowell	Boston.	12	9
	Salem.	George H. Jones. Highland Ave. Salem.	Salem.	24	18
	Lynn.	Geo. C. Herbert. Lynn. Mass.	Salem.	148	92
	E. Lynn Chapel	C. E. Bishop. 193 Essex St. Lynn. Mass.	Salem.	142	86
	W. Epping.	Moses D. Nichols W. Epping. N. H.	Amesbury.	12	9
	Amesbury.	Daniel C. Mayfield. Amesbury. Mass.	Amesbury.	51	33
	So. Pittsfield	A. N. Peaslee. So. Pittsfield. N. H.	Amesbury.	38	25
	Hennikor.	Nathan P. Burton. Hennikor. N. H.	Weare.	17	9
	No. Weare	Samuel D. Nichols. No. Weare. N. H.	Weare.	22	17
	Clinton Grove.	D. R. Chase. E. Deering. N. H.	Weare.	15	7
		Totals		613	402
Dartmouth.	Acushnet.	Adelaide V. Wilbur. Acushnet. Mass	New Bedford.	14	10
	New Bedford	N. W. Gifford. New Bedford. Mass	New Bedford.	170	85
	Mattapoisett	Joshua L. Macomber. E. Mattapoisett	New Bedford.	26	19
	Long Plain.	Richard Davis. Long Plain. Mass	New Bedford.	25	13
	Allens Neck	Henry A. Allen. Dartmouth.	Dartmouth	92	49
	Smiths Neck	E. L. Franco. So. Dartmouth.	Dartmouth	53	26
	Central Vil.	Lydia Gifford. Adamsville.	Westport.	41	35
		Totals		371	237

Number of Friends.	Number of Classes.	No. Evidencing change of heart during the year	Is Religious Interest increasing?	Teachers' Meetings Held.	Number of Vols in Library.	Number of Books added during year	Lesson Helps used.	Papers distributed.	Total No. of Papers distributed.	Temperance Lessons.	Peace Lessons.	No. Months of School	Observance of Children's Day
Mostly 358	7	3	Yes.	No.	300	0	Peloubet.	2 Kinds	576	4	0	12	No.
12	4	4	No.	No.	450	20	Pilgrim.	2 Kinds	1000.	12	0	12	No
7	2	1	..	....	132	..	Friends.	None.	.	..	.	..	--
45	10	..	Good	Not regular	297	12	Five Kinds	Five Kinds	2650	4	0	12	No.
41	8	..	Yes.	No.	..	..	2 Kinds.	4 Kinds	..	4	0	12	No.
9	4	..	Yes.	---	100	100	2 Kinds.	4 Kinds	500.	4	1	12	Yes.
23	2	..	--	No.	200.	0	Children's Mag.	None	0	0	0	9	No.
55	9	12	Yes.	....	..	..	Pilgrim	---	--	--	--	-	--
12	2	0	No	No	400	0	Peloubet.	None.	0	4	0	12	No
239	48	20			1879	132			4726				
38	6	2	Think so.	Weekly	220	12	Peloubet.	2 Kinds	800.	0	0	12	No
52	6	1	Think so	No	76	3	2 Kinds	4 Kinds	4000.	4	3	12	No
5	1	--	Yes	--	--	--	----	---	---	--	-	5	--
24	2	--	--	--	50	16	2 Kinds.	Friends	200.	2	1	12	No.
66	16	2	No	Not regular	875	45	3 Kinds	3 Kinds	2440	2	0	12	Yes.
32	16	--	Yes	---	300	100	2 Kinds	Peloubet	2900	--	-	12	No Yes.
12	2	--	--	---	--	--	2 Kinds	---	--	--	--	--	No
30	5	--	Yes.	No	200	25	2 Kinds.	4 Kinds	1000.	4	0	12	No
3	4	1	just so	No	40	35	Peloubet.	Friends	720	4	--	12	No
10	2	--	Yes.	--	110	0	Friends.	3 Kinds	--	4	--	12	No
15	2	--	No	No	500	--	2 Kinds	3 Kinds	--	4	--	12	No
12	2	0	No	No	175	50	Friends	Friends	--	4	2	12	No
299	64	6			2546	286			12060				
10	1	--	--	No	200	--	Friends.	4 Kinds	300	4	--	12	No
20	12	--	--	---	300	--	---	1 Kind	1200	1 or 2	--	10	No
7	2	3	Yes	Quarterly	544	26	Friends.	Friends	1040	12	12	12	No
20	3	--	--	No	369	No	Friends.	3 Kinds	360	--	--	12	No
23	10	2	No	No	259	4	Peloubet	3 Kinds	--	12	0	12	No
12	6	--	No	No	200	0	Peloubet	4 Kinds	480	4	0	11	No.
39	5	2	Yes.	No	--	0	2 Kinds	1 Kind.	--	4	1	11	No
131	39	7			1872	30			3380				

Statistical Report Continued

Falmouth.	Lewiston.	Josiah B. Holder 205 Cal. St. Lewiston	Lewiston.	60	50
	Portland	Lewis M. Douglas, Portland.	Falmouth.	82	49
	Deering.	Ella A. Winslow, Westbrook. Me	Falmouth.	40	13
	Windham,	L. Maria Jones, Windham Ctr. Me	Windham,	50	22
	Casco.	S. A. Hall, Casco. Me.	Windham,	21	16
	So. Durham	Henry M. Snow, So. Durham.	So. Durham,	71	48
		Totals.		324	198
Smithfield	Woonsocket.	James S. Reed. Woonsocket. R.I.	Smithfield.	161	84
	Mansfield.	David B. Grover, W. Mansfield. Mo	Smithfield.	7	5
	Worcester.	D. M. Babcock. 17 Sudbury St. Worcester	Uxbridge,	29	23
	Northbridge	S. C. Wheeler. Uxbridge. Mass.	Uxbridge,	17	12
	Bolton.	Alfred Dow, Hudson, Mass.	Bolton.	55	40
		Totals.		269	164
Vassalboro.	E. Vassalboro.	Abbie P. Jenkins. Lambs Cor. Me	Vassalboro.	46	30
	Oak Grove,	Rufus M. Jones. Principal.	Vassalboro.	-	-
	Brooks.	O. G. Hussey. Waldo Station Me	Unity.	25	12
	Unity.	Geo. W. Varney. Unity, Me.	Unity,	25	20
	So China.	J. Albert Jones. So. China Me.	China	75	57
	Maple Grove	J. W. Plummer Ft. Fairfield.	Maple Grove,	35	30
		Totals.		206	149
Dover.	Dover	Mrs. E. F. Jenness. Dover, N.H.	Dover.	25	20
	Meaderboro	Anna M. Evans, Rochester, N.H.	Dover.	24	11
	Gonic.	Clarence J. Pinkham - Gonic NH	Dover.	52	26
	N. Berwick	William T. Hussey. N. Berwick. Me	N. Berwick	12	10
		Totals		113	67
Fairfield.	Winthrop Ctr	C. I. Baily. Winthrop Centre Me	Winthrop	150	109
	Manchester.	Alfred W. Hawkes. Manchester.	Winthrop	31	24
	Sidney Centre	Sarah E. Shepherd Centre Sidney Me	Sidney.	32	21
	No. Fairfield.	Geo. A. Wing. North Fairfield. Me.	Sidney.	28	18
		Totals.		241	172
Parsonsfield.	E. Parsonsfield.	Silas H. Cartland E. Parsonsfield. Me	Parsonsfield,	45	25
	No. Sandwich	Jos. J. Cartland No. Sandwich NH	Sandwich.	47	23
		Totals		92	48

35	9	0	Yes.	No	150	0	Peloubet.	1 Kind	1500	3	2	12	Yes.
59	8	0	Yes	No	309	16	Friends	1 Kind	0	4	0	12	No
19	3	0	0	0	100	0	2 Kinds	4 Kinds	300	4	0	12	No
35	4	0	Hope 20	No	170	30	Peloubet.	2 Kinds	29	4	0	12	Yes.
7	2	0	0	No	60	1	2 Kinds	---	-	4	—	12	No
30	8	0	Yes.	Weekly	100	17	4 Kinds	2 Kinds	1736	4	0	12	No
185	34	0			889	54			3565				
35	10	0	No.	No	473	4	2 Kinds.	3 Kinds	900	3	1	12	No
6	1	0	Yes.	No	100	0	---	Olive Leaf	-	-	-	-	-
14	3	0	No	No	300	0	3 Kinds	4 Kinds	1456	4	0	12	No
5	3	0	No	No	150	0	3 Kinds.	4 Kinds	72	4	—	12	No
39	6	0	Yes.	No	283	0	2 Kinds.	4 Kinds	1700	4	—	12	No
99	23	0			1306	4			3628				
46	4	—	Yes	No	200	0	1 Kind,	2 Kinds	1400	0	0	12	No
—	2	—	Yes	--	--	—	Peloubet.	--	--	—	—	—	—
5	3	—	No	No	60	10	Peloubet	No	0	1	0	12	No
16	3	8	Yes	--	--	—	Cook.	--	--	—	—	12	No
57	5	1	Yes	No	140	52	2 Kinds	No	0	4	0	12	No
12	5	8	Yes	No	150	30	Peloubet	No	0	0	0	6	No
136	22	17			550	91			1400				
20	3	1	-	--	6	6	Friends	0	-	4	-	12	No
17	2	--	Yes	--	--	0	Cooks.	5 Kinds	-	—	—	12	No
14	3	--	--	No	116	116	3 Kinds	5 Kinds	-	3	0	11	No
12	1	--	--	--	--	--	Friends	--	-	—	—	—	-
63	9	1			122	122			0				
100	12	6	No	Weekly	150	50	Peloubet.	Cook	-	4	-	12	No
15	3	—	Yes	--	—	—	Peloubet.	2 Kinds Several	868	0	—	12	No
13	4	0	Yes	--	272	17	Peloubet.	1 Kind	—	4	—	12	No
13	4	—	—	--	35	5	Peloubet.	1 Kind	500	—	—	12	No
141	23	6			457	72			1368				
39	3	8		Yes	~~No~~ 200	0	3 Kinds	4 Kinds	500	8	2	12	No
29	3	0	0	No	~~No~~ 193	24	Peloubet.	2 Kinds	1040	3	0	12	No
68	6	0			433	24			1540				

Summary

Quarterly Meetings	No. of Schools Reporting	Total Membership	Number	Percent of Total Membership	Number of Friends	Number not Friends	Number evidencing Change of heart	Teachers Meeting Yes	Teachers Meeting No	Is religious interest increasing Yes	Is religious interest increasing No	Observance of Childrens day Yes	Observance of Childrens day No
Rhode Island.	9	552	374	68%	239	313	20	0	9	4	5	1	8
Salem.	12	613	402	66%	299	314	6	1	11	6	6	2	10
Sandwich.	7	371	237	64%	131	240	7	0	7	1	6	0	7
Falmouth.	6	324	198	61%	185	139	0	1	5	3	3	2	4
Smithfield.	5	269	164	61%	99	170	0	0	5	2	3	0	5
Vassalboro.	6	206	149	72%	136	70	17	0	6	4	2	0	6
Dover.	4	113	67	60%	63	50	1	0	4	0	4	0	4
Fairfield.	4	241	172	71%	141	100	6	1	3	1	3	0	4
Parsonsfield.	2	92	48	52%	68	24	0	0	2	1	1	0	2
Totals	55	2781	1811	65%	1361	1420	57	3	52	22	33	5	50

Answers to Queries as to Special needs of Schools:

Queries as to [illegible] & Bible Schools.

From Rhode Island.— More workers; more Bible study; [illegible] Quarterlies; [illegible].

From Salem.— Help from outside Bible School workers; a musical instrument (two schools;) a larger library maps; a new supt.; more children; greater interest among older Friends; more spiritual life; more [illegible] study; life and members; literature, cards [illegible].

[illegible] ch.— More interest and scholars; m[illegible] before coming to class; more interest by parents.

From Falmouth.— Deeper interest by older mem[illegible] [illegible]ary; more teachers; better supt.; more [illegible]; more scholars; some one [illegible]ies.

[illegible].— Library Books.

From Fairfield.— No answers.

From Smithfield.— Conversion of two classes of young people; numbers; workers; outpouring of Holy Spirit on neighborhood; [illegible]

[illegible] Com. [illegible] [illegible] Vassalboro.—Consecrated teachers; library books; mission [illegible]; papers and cards; something to create interest. [illegible] Fairfield.—[illegible] of those [illegible] be leaders.

Peloubet, Wilde and Co., Boston	By	33	schools
Friends' Publishing Association, Chicago	"	28	"
Sunday School Times, Phila.	"	6	"
David C. Cook's Chicago,	"	4	"
Pilgrim, Congregational	"	2	"
Children's Magazine, Wattles, Phila.	"	2	"
Berean, Hunt & Eaton, New York,	"	2	"
Vincent's S. S. Journal	"	1	"
Jesse H. Leonard, Albany, N. Y.	"	1	"
[illegible]	"	1	"

Since no statistical report was presented last year, it is impossible to make comparison as to the growth (for we sincerely hope there has been growth) in the membership of our schools. It is to be hoped, however, that, at every Yearly Meeting in the [illegible] be presented, that we may [illegible] of the condition and progress of this [illegible] portant branch of our church work.

[illegible] the average [illegible] been sixty five per cent; the minimum was fifty two per cent, this being in Par[illegible] Quarterly Meeting; the maximum was seventy two per cent in Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.

In Fairfield Quarterly Meeting the aver[illegible] the maximum or seventy-one per cent. It is interesting to note that the two Quarterly Meetings [illegible] the [illegible] average [illegible] rural districts.

[illegible] total [illegible] two [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible], the number [illegible] during the year is fifty seven. [illegible] should [illegible], with the Lord's help, to increase the number during the coming year.

[illegible] to the question "Is the religious interest

[illegible]

[illegible]." [illegible] "[illegible]"; [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] of this nature positively, but we hope in the future we shall do so as far as is possible, and trust that one of our aims in school work during the coming year may be to enable us to bring from all quarters clear, unmistakable testimony that the interest is increasing.

In answer to the question "Do you observe Children's Day?" only five report that they have; sixty saying that they have not. Let us remember, dear Friends, [illegible] [illegible] of the children are or should be the chief consideration. In late years it has become a general [illegible] to set apart one day, at least, [illegible] by the children, and of [illegible] interest to them. [illegible] in [illegible] the children [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

We are glad to note that so large a proportion, almost one half, of our membership are not Friends. It gives [illegible] of Divine Truth, and [illegible].

[illegible] that [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] factor in making the Bible School a success.

It is interesting to note the [illegible] of replies coming [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible]" of schools. Some of our Quarterly Meeting Superintendents have called attention to many points in our work [illegible] and have made valuable suggestions [illegible] the results desired. [illegible] only lack of proper effort is responsible for schools not being larger. House to house canvass is referred to [illegible] and in another Quarterly Meeting preliminary steps have already been taken to secure a worker who shall devote time in [illegible] visiting [illegible] children [illegible]

of Bible Com. Did opportunity permit, it would be beneficial to discuss some of these questions here, but they must be referred to another department of our Bible School work, — one of great importance, and one which has been much neglected by our Society in recent years. We refer to the holding of annual conferences, in which we may come together from all parts of the Yearly Meeting for discussion of the best methods of work and promotion of general interest in every way. It is true that in several Quarterly Meetings, quarterly or semi-annual conferences have been held, and some of them during the past year. We believe these have been helpful and profitable. But they are very limited in time for work, and do not serve to bring together the interests of the whole Yearly Meeting.

On the 19th and 20th of Fourth Month last, such a general conference was held at Portland, delegates being present from many sections of the Yearly Meeting. It was a very interesting and profitable occasion, a copy of the programme being herewith submitted.

Programme.

Third Day. Afternoon Session.

2.00 Devotional Service

2.20 Address of Welcome — Harry Wood, So. Portland, Me.

Response — Frank E. Jones, So. China, Me.

2.45 Objects of the Conference and Means of Securing them.

[illegible] — George L. Crosman

3.05 [illegible] for Conversions in the Sabbath [illegible]

David J. Douglas, Hallowell, Me.

Discussion by the Conference.

4.00 How to Secure the Conversion of a Sabbath School Class.

Elizabeth T. Larkin, Peabody, Mass.

Evening Session

7.00 Bible Lecture with Stereopticon [illegible]

[illegible] Portland, Me.

Fourth Day. Morning Session

[illegible] Devotional Service

[illegible] Might not [illegible] direct relation [illegible] between the Sabbath School and the Society

[illegible] of both?

Arrietta D. Collins, Hopkinton, R. I.

Discussion

[illegible] Incentive to a Thorough Knowledge of the Bible?

W. P. Pinkham, Portland, Me.

Discussion

11.00 [illegible] to keep the [illegible] in [illegible] School.

Charles H. Pinkham, Portland, Me.

Elwood Bailey, Winthrop, Me.

L. G. March, Portland, Me.

11.10 The Book

Hannah [illegible] Pratt, [illegible], Me.

Afternoon Session

2.00 Praise Service

2.15 Uses and Abuses of Lesson Helps

Anna F. Hall, Windham Centre, Me.

2.30 Relation of [illegible] to the [illegible] of [illegible].

Geo. H. Farr, Lewiston, Me.

Jesse McPherson, Winthrop, Me.

Discussion

3.30 What shall our Children Read?

Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop, Me.

3.50 Question Box.

4.30 Closing Exercises

While the total attendance was not large, the interest [illegible] was great and a large amount of good work accomplished. The Field Worker of the Maine State Sunday School Association [illegible] [illegible] the first working convention [illegible] attended. [illegible] reasons [illegible] were greatly limited in time for organizing and planning it, but the results showed that had it been held at a more central point, where a larger number would have attended, and with sufficient time for preparation, it would have been, in importance, an occasion [illegible] to the Yearly Meeting itself. [illegible] found that two days were not enough to satisfy us in the time allowable for the several subjects under

discussion, and during the coming year it is hoped that we may have a third day's conversation. If this could be [illegible] might result not only in [illegible] Bible School [illegible] required in favor of the Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] connection with School [illegible] conducted [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] the best advantage.

May the Good [illegible] our efforts [illegible] during the coming year.

Before closing [illegible] Meeting a request coming up [illegible] held at Portland. It is as follows:

To New England Yearly Meeting:

The Bible School [illegible] Yearly Meeting [illegible] 1872, being fully [illegible] with the importance of a more intimate relation between the Bible School and the Church, [illegible] Yearly Meeting [illegible] in some way [illegible]

1. By authorizing all the Bible Schools to report regularly once in three months to the Quarterly Meetings.

2. By authorizing the appointment of Quarterly Meeting Superintendents as a medium of communication between the Meetings and the Schools and through whom the required reports may be presented.

[illegible] Quarterly [illegible] and condition of these schools.

By direction of the Conference

In closing, we recommend that the request coming up from the Conference be granted.

On behalf of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Bible Schools

Report of Bible [illegible]

[illegible]

Newport, Sixth Month 13, 1892.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Bible Schools.

1892 Mo. 3	Received of Treasurer of Boston Preparative Meeting	$3.00
" " 7	" " " " Winthrop Monthly Meeting	7.[illegible]
" " 27	" " " " Berwick " "	5.00
" " "	" " " " Fall River " "	3.45
" " 20	By Collection at Portland Conference	15.[illegible]
4th " [illegible]	Received of Treasurer of [illegible] Monthly Meeting	[illegible]
" " 5	" " " " Smithfield " "	2.25
6th " 1	" " " " Uxbridge " "	3.00
" " 7	" " " " Falmouth " "	2.0[illegible]
" " "	" " " " Weare " "	5.30
" " "	" " " " Salem " "	20.84
" " 13	" " " " China " "	1.39
		$76.23

Expenditures

4th Mo. 20	Travelling Expenses of Worker at Conference	$10.00
" " "	" " " " " "	6.00
" " "	" " " " " "	[illegible]
" " "	" Stereoptican Lecture " "	10.00
" " "	" Stationery and Postage	1.69
5th " 4	Printing Cards and Programmes	8.1[illegible]
6th " 21	Postage	1.50
[illegible]		[illegible]
		$76.23

The statistical information given in this report wa[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] carrying on this work. [illegible] [illegible] between the [illegible] Bible Schools [illegible] [illegible] work is and that one acts favorably upon the other. We desire the encouragement of this Committee and [illegible] that all [illegible] [illegible] with them in the work of the Lord.

[illegible] the [illegible] recommendations contained in this report were referred to a committee to be proposed by the Nominating Committee. [illegible] also suggest a name for party

[illegible]
[illegible] the Committee [illegible].

[illegible] 44. The Committee on Nominations presented the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
(See [illegible] p. 33.)
[illegible]
[illegible] the President, [illegible]
[illegible] to closing the Exposition at Chicago on the Sabbath
and the sale of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] 37)
The names were approved and will appear in the
proper place in the Minutes.

[illegible] 45. [illegible]
defect in the deed of conveyance of [illegible]
in Washington, D. C., [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] for their consideration.

[illegible] Adjourned to meet in separate sessions at 10
o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day Morning, [illegible].

[illegible] The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

[illegible] read. 46 The epistle from London Yearly Meeting was now
read to our edification.

[illegible] 47 The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of
the State of Society as presented in the answers to the
[illegible].
The answers are as follows, viz.:—
Ans. 1. All our meetings for worship [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Ans. 2. With little exception, love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

Ans. 3. [illegible] are [illegible] maintain a religious life and conversation. A considerable deficiency exists in training children in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans. 4. We think the Holy Scriptures are [illegible] read in most Friends' families, individually and collectively, and that [illegible] encourage their [illegible] in this practice. In [illegible] ministry is maintained with a few exceptions.

Ans. 5. With twenty-three exceptions, Friends are clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Generally careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to exercise due moderation in all things.

Ans. 6. The circumstances of the poor have received attention and care is taken to educate their children.

Ans. 7. With a few exceptions Friends are faithful in maintaining our testimony against carnal wars and military matters. Some instances of [illegible] have occurred in regard to oaths, [illegible] the public [illegible].

Ans. 8. Nearly all Friends are careful in observing the several parts of this query.

Ans. 9. Nearly clear as to records. Some removals without certificates.

Ans. 10. The discipline is administered in tenderness.

[illegible] to [illegible] is [illegible] impartially, though not in all cases as timely as would be best.

It is the judgment of this Meeting that our Subordinate Meetings be directed through their overseers or a Committee for that purpose, to obtain definitely the number of those Friends who do not read the Holy Scriptures daily in their families.

[illegible] State of Society.

Minute on the State of Society.

In considering the state of Society we were reminded that if we would be benefited by the examinations of the queries we must examine them in the presence of the Great Searcher of hearts. The importance of attending our Meetings for Divine worship was impressed upon us. The purpose of worship is for the soul to come near in reverent adoration before God. "Worship is the adoring response of the soul to the influence of the spirit of God." The thought was strongly expressed that we are losing ground by not encouraging intervals of living silence in our Meetings for worship. "In silence is the hiding of spiritual power." Our Divine Master leads His Servants to feel the need of those who should be fed and instructed, and strengthens them to labor in word and doctrine; and it is in silence that He is pleased at times to seal upon the hearts of men their instruction. With reference to the third query we were reminded that we cannot maintain anything until we have it to maintain. We must be born from above before we have the religious life to maintain. In this new life it becomes our duty and also our joy to search the Scriptures. The daily devotional reading of the Holy Scriptures was held to be a duty which we owe to our families, and also necessary to our individual growth and maintenance in the Divine life. If we do not find an altar at our homes we shall not be likely to go to the place of worship to [illegible]. Lecture was expressed at the growing laxity among our members in regard to oaths. The oath is a priestly thing. The affirmation says "if I fell a falsehood I submit to the penalties of the law."—

[illegible] continued. [illegible] the truth unless bound [illegible] oath, [illegible] of Christ [illegible] the truth [illegible] inward parts and speak the truth at all times. "Let your yea be yea and your nay, nay." [illegible] firmly [illegible] and [illegible] freedom [illegible] us. [illegible] schools, and instilled into the minds of children while young.

[illegible] message from the Congregational [illegible] across the water, [illegible] dear friend, George Truth of Ireland.

"The churches need the continued testimony of the Society of Friends to the spiritual nature of the Kingdom of Christ. Let Friends not be adopting our methods, for they fall short of what Friends profess, and they will only prove a failure."

[illegible] adjourned. Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Afternoon.

[illegible] Met in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

Report of [illegible] Committee. 48 The Committee on Temperance presented their Report, which is as follows, viz:—

Report of the Committee on Temperance.

[illegible] the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Temperance has found it impracticable to meet since it was organized, the reports of the [illegible] earnest, persevering effort has been put forth for the cause of Temperance.

[illegible] glad to report the faithful service rendered by many, we can but feel that much more might have been done,

[illegible] the Committee.

[illegible] this arrangement to our successors. From the reports we learn that the Temperance lessons are very generally taught once a month in the [illegible] ing at the time of the Quarterly Meeting, and was well attended. A Temperance Band of twenty members was formed among the children all of whom have taken the [illegible]

[illegible] and Friends are enthusiastic workers in the cause of Temperance. One member of the Committee in her [illegible] articles for the papers, and held many Gospel Temperance meetings.

She adds that sickness all through the winter prevented her from doing as much work as she had hoped to do when she received an appointment.

[illegible] Alcohol and narcotics on the human system have been presented to the class in Physiology, and the prevailing sentiment in the School is strongly against their use.

[illegible], several high schools, and many schools [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Temperance Papers, published by Friends in Chicago. Monthly temperance exercises have also been conducted in this school.

Many other institutions in different localities, as railroad and fire engine stations have been supplied [illegible] opportunities have offered.

[illegible] mostly members of the committee, or [illegible] different kinds, all of which have been [illegible] Early in the year, there came a few orders that were not filled, owing to the fact that there was no money in the treasury. The new method of raising funds caused a delay of about six months [illegible]

Number of pages distributed 45,267

[illegible] and Bible bldg.) [illegible]

Number of pages of library matter 8,534

In nearly every locality, where any temperance [illegible]

[illegible] Superintendent of Juvenile Work informs us that, [illegible] the temperance work, in our Bible Schools, keeps pace with other religious in[illegible]

[illegible]

Meetings.

[illegible] through the committee [illegible] one to four public meetings [illegible] Committee on Lectures reports that [illegible] lectures, and many more than [illegible]

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tinued

under their auspices.

The amount of money expended by the Committee, during the past year, does not equal that of previous years, for the reason before alluded to, as will be seen [illegible]

[illegible] ted in Alaska, upon the Missionaries of Kansas [illegible] Meeting, while engaged in enforcing the Prohibition Law, which resulted in the death of one, and [illegible]

We recommend that this [illegible] continued, and placed under the care of a new Committee, and that two hundred dollars be [illegible]

Respectfully submitted,

[illegible]

[illegible]

We appreciate the labors of our dear friends, in their efforts to stem the tide of evil which is flooding our land.

We feel that this is no [illegible] but that each one of us is responsible, to a certain extent, for the continuance of this evil.

We desire that all may be faithful [illegible] in their homes, in their business vocations, and [illegible]

That total [illegible] prohibition for the nation, may be the motto of every life.

The nomination of some Friends, to have the care of this subject for the coming year, was referred to the Nominating Committee.

Committee on Temperance in account with [illegible]

Receipts

[illegible]	$ 1[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Received [illegible] for public meeting	[illegible]
Received from Boston Preparative Meeting	5.00
Received from Amesbury Y.P.S.C.E.	1.61
Received from [illegible]	1.00
	$ [illegible]

Report of Temperance Continued.

Paid Hannah J. Bailey, Lecture D[illegible]

19. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz.:—

[illegible] Yearly Meeting.

The Committee has met three times since its appointment. As it will a[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Susan S. [illegible]

before the pupils [illegible]

on the evils and [illegible]

[illegible]

regular instruction at the school on the sub-

[illegible]

we have also made an appropriation toward the support of the Messenger of Peace and Christian Arbitrator.

Especially through the earnest zeal of one [illegible]

[illegible]

tracts and leaflets have been distributed in the past year, among persons by whom, it was thought, they would be read and [illegible]

In Second Month last we sent [illegible]

[illegible] President and the Senate and [illegible]

representatives of the [illegible]

the calling by our Government [illegible]

of representatives of the more impo[illegible]

ments of the world to meet at Che[illegible]

[illegible]

the adoption of arbitration as a [illegible]

settling all international disputes.

[illegible]

J. Bailey as our delegate to the Uni[illegible]

Congress to be held this year at [illegible]

The testimony which the [illegible]

[illegible] Christ's Church, bears and has always [illegible] Peace as a part of the Good Tidings [illegible] ganizations and State [illegible] this cause, especially on the [illegible] in [illegible] testimony on this [illegible] committee [illegible] stand ready to [illegible] acy of [illegible] pted by the Holy Spirit.

Under the Divine influence, as we believe, the Representative Meeting in 1888 issued [illegible] "[illegible] by Christ, and [illegible] Scripture", which has proved to be very [illegible] useful document, and [illegible]

[illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] before the [illegible] Council and Citizens of Boston, July 4th, 1891," by [illegible] speaker, the bearer of an historic name, spoke [illegible] doctrine [illegible] resistance as "nobly [illegible] [illegible] the most [illegible] [illegible] tracts and publications [illegible] [illegible]

Report of Com. on Peace continued.

The election of our Friend, Benjamin F. Trueblood, to the important and influential office of Secretary of the American Peace Society, [illegible] great [illegible] the cause.

[illegible] affords for the advocacy of Peace. [illegible] tracts can be obtained [illegible] of the European languages [illegible] impolicy of war.

Whether at home or abroad, may we all be loyal the Prince of Peace.

On behalf of the Committee,
Thomas Chase, Chairman.

Newport, Sixth Month 14th, 1892.

[illegible] early testimony of our Society against all wars and fightings is making its way among the nations of the earth. The earnest and varied work of the Committee during the past year is appreciated, and we [illegible]

[illegible]

Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Peace.

[illegible]

Dr.

To amount received from				Fairfield	Monthly	Meeting	$15.00
"	"	"	"	Weare	"	"	10.00
"	"	"	"	Providence	"	"	5.00
"	"	"	"	Amesbury	"	"	5.00
"	"	"	"	Salem	"	"	4.64
"	"	"	"	[illegible]	"	"	[illegible]
"	"	"	"	Berwick	"	"	3.00
"	"	"	"	Westport	"	"	2.50
							$48.14

Cr.

By amount paid expense of Lecture on Peace at Friends' School $12.00

By amount contributed by Committee to the "Messenger of Peace and Christian Arbitrator $25.00

[illegible] $[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

50. The Report of the Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union, was then read and is as follows, viz:—

Report of the Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In making this our first report to the Yearly Meeting, [illegible] at the outset the nature of this [illegible] formed among you.

It is really a portion of that great Society [illegible] Christian Endeavor which has taken such [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the prayer meeting, held weekly by each [illegible] society and to which not only members [illegible] is welcomed, and we can with deep [illegible] say that [illegible]

Friends' E.F.U. Continued.

meetings, though often we have been few in numbers yet the Master whom we are striving to serve has been with and blessed us in a wonderful degree.

[illegible]

Lord is indeed good are [illegible]

[illegible] Prayer Meeting Committees, to bring other [illegible]

[illegible] have been sometimes so abundantly answered, that we have felt that surely it was the Lord's doing, and marvellous in our eyes.

To promote attachment and loyalty to [illegible] among us, and we can truly say that never before have the young people of New England Yearly Meeting felt a deeper and truer love for our branch of the Church of Christ than today: and others who [illegible] come into our meetings from outside have come to [illegible]

The membership in the different societies is divided into two classes; the Active [illegible] consists of earnest young Christians who sincerely desire to accomplish our object, and the Associate [illegible] and yet are not at present [illegible] decided Christians, and [illegible] praying that they may be willing to be known as Christians.

With the exception of [illegible] and Passaic [illegible] limits one or more of these societies with an average [illegible] associate members, and a total membership of over five hundred. The largest society is that at Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I. with sixty seven active and thirty two associate members.

In the past year four new societies [illegible] organized, at East Vassalboro, Unity, Chi[illegible]

[illegible] ship.

An important branch of this society is the Junior work, under the care of some member who is interested in the welfare of the children, and who will be in return loved and respected by them.

As yet there is only one of the Junior Societies in the Yearly Meeting, but that one is a source of encouragement and rejoicing to the older society in that place as it notes the decided change and improvement in many of the juniors. We are anxious that in the coming year more of this work among the children may be done, for it is certainly a most fruitful and interesting field.

And now in conclusion, may we not ask your prayers that in the coming year our work for the [illegible] instruments in His hands of bringing many souls to Him and [illegible] who [illegible] "One is your master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

[illegible]

Mary S. Paige, Secretary

Note.— It was decided to change the name of this Society to Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

"We can have no higher joy than to see our children walking in the truth." And we welcome this simple story of the work carried on by our Young Friends during the past year.

We desire their [illegible] word and work, and [illegible] come we shall realize the [illegible] "Instead of the Fathers [illegible]"

[illegible] from the British [illegible] and accepted, viz.:—

Report of Comm. in charge of Dougl. McCab continued.

Report of the Committee in care of a Friend from the British Provinces.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in care of the Friend from the British Provinces report that they [illegible] to the object of their [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] have been [illegible] him, during the year, by a part of the [illegible] which appeared to [illegible] him in his [illegible] and age, real comfort and encouragement.

He was always cheerful and [illegible] great love and attachment to his friends and gratitude for their generous support.

The aid furnished by the [illegible] year, was applied to his use [illegible] the closing year of his [illegible].

[illegible] and sweetly on to his heavenly [illegible] the ninety-seventh year of his age. He had long been waiting and watching for the change. His remains were interred in one of the Friends' burying-grounds, in China, Me.

Alfred H. Jones
Hannah J. Bailey
William H. Beale,
Newport, Sixth Month, 1892. Committee

There being a deficiency of seventy-five dollars, on account of expenses incurred, the Treasurer [illegible] the Yearly Meeting [illegible] same to the Committee in charge.

Report of Comm. on New Method [illegible]

52 The Committee on the New Method of raising funds was read and approved, viz.:

Report of the Committee on the New Method of Raising Funds.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

The Committee under appointment to carry out the provisions of the plan for raising funds in the Yearly Meeting have carefully [illegible]

[illegible] practice [illegible]
[illegible] with the success of this system in the monthly meetings, where it has been tried.

We now recommend that the report as adopted at our last Yearly Meeting, with some transpositions [illegible]

[illegible]

this year, & and the method thus in practice by envelopes be continued.

The plan as revised is herewith given.

By direction and on behalf of the Committee

Robert P. Gifford, Clerk.

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 10th, 1893.

[illegible]

year and is commended to the attention of our members with the hope that in the coming year there may be a more perfect [illegible] of the system, and a fuller carrying out of the same.

A Plan for Christian Giving

[illegible]

is very generally recognized, and together with the principle of proportionate giving, have their warrant in the words of Scripture: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." (1 Cor. XVI. 2) "[illegible] shall be [illegible] unto the Lord." (Lev. XXVII. 32) "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." (Luke XII. 48)

We believe there are many among us who may [illegible] according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. IX. 7)

The Mosaic standard relating to tithes and offerings for the Lord's work was not lost sight of by the early Christian Church, but rather did the ancient system of [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] under the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]."

1st. Duties of Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.

The Yearly Meeting Committee on Finance [illegible] [illegible] Circular Letter [illegible] containing a statement of the several [illegible] [illegible] necessary [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and benevolent objects under its care, these [illegible] [illegible] annual reports to the Yearly Meeting by the respective Committees, and are to be [illegible] by the [illegible] meetings [illegible].

The Circular Letter shall [illegible] such other items of interest and advice [illegible] to finances as may have claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting, and shall give [illegible] directions [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] an estimate of [illegible] and Preparative Meeting expenses with the individual apportionments. The following form [illegible]:—

[illegible] .... [illegible] the ensuing year, including its quota of Yearly [illegible] quarterly stocks is $............

[illegible] ...... [illegible] ......

[illegible] ...... [illegible] ......

Total . . . . $....

Thy proportion of the above is about .... per month

.... Treasurer

The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in printed form every item [illegible] are desired, with suitable [illegible] for [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Report of Com. New Method [illegible]

who may desire to aid our work. These shall be forwarded with the Circular Letter in their [illegible] to each [illegible] by its finance committee. [illegible] Committee on Finance shall also furnish the treasurers of the subordinate meetings, at a nominal price, with the initial book of entry for keeping the accounts under this system.

2nd. Duties of Monthly Meetings and their Finance Committee.

In each Monthly Meeting a Committee on Finance, [illegible] in its limits, shall [illegible] appointed [illegible] official communication [illegible] Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.

This Committee shall assist the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting in the apportionment and collection of all funds required for meeting expenses, and in receiving and forwarding all [illegible] that may be contributed toward the objects [illegible] in the [illegible] letter.

When a Monthly Meeting consists of more than one Preparative Meeting, the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting shall designate [illegible] of the finance committee for each Preparative Meeting, to have charge of its receipts and disbursements, who shall report [illegible] to the Preparative Meeting if desired, and also to the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting.

The treasurer shall make an index in his book of entry of those who may be donors, giving each a number, and when members of one family [illegible] to be indexed under one number, the treasurer may draft his record to such [illegible].

He shall, with the aid of the finance committee, number [illegible] for monthly offerings from each, [illegible] the index number at the upper left-hand corner and with the envelopes, each donor shall be given a copy of the Circular Letter after filling in the proper

[illegible] blanks

As the envelopes return from the donors, the treasurer shall enter the items in the cash book, stating the number of envelopes and name of month when payment is made, with the respective amounts in the proper columns, and shall forward the totals to the respective treasurers of committees, having in charge the work for which the money is specifically given. These remittances shall be made quarterly or as often as shall best suit the needs of the working committees.

[illegible] Duties of Individual Members,

Each member [illegible] is desired to enclose in the envelope, monthly contributions toward the item "Meeting Expenses" as apportioned by the finance committee, but if [illegible] the amount may be paid proportionately semi-annually or annually. He is also earnestly entreated to contribute free-will offerings for any or all the other objects named in the Circular Letter, as may be consistent with his duty to God as a steward of property entrusted to him, being [illegible] to give an honest reply to the [illegible], "How much owest thou unto my Lord?"

If the donor has no choice [illegible] his offerings shall be appropriated, the amount may be placed against the item, "General Fund," and the finance committee of the monthly meeting will distribute it among the objects named as in its judgment seems best.

[illegible] Appointed on Nominating Com.

53. [illegible] has been appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee in place of John J. [illegible] who has been obliged to return home.

[illegible]

54. The Representatives from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting propose the name of John B. Baylies: [illegible] proposes the name of Charles [illegible] and [illegible] the name of Joseph E. Briggs to serve in the Finance Committee from their

respective Quarterly Meetings, which nominations are approved by this Meeting.

Committee [illegible] Conference [illegible] Mtgs. 55. The subject of the appointment of delegates to the Conference of American Yearly Meetings to be held at Indianapolis, Ind., in the tenth month next claimed the attention of the Meeting, and it was the united judgment of Friends that such a committee be appointed, consisting of five delegates and four alternates, and Alfred H. Jones, Henry C. Applett, Harriette D. Collins, Jesse McPherson, [illegible], Joseph E. Briggs, William [illegible], [illegible] Thompson, and David P. Wheeler were appointed a Committee to propose to this Meeting at a future session the names of suitable Friends to constitute said Committee.

They were also requested to nominate two Friends and two Alternates, to attend the opening of Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] 56. The Committee on Nominations presented the names of Friends for a Committee on Western Indians, which were approved and will appear later in the Minutes.

[illegible] 57. The names of Friends to constitute a [illegible] Committee were now presented and approved by the Meeting, and will appear later in the Minutes.

[illegible] Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at [illegible] o'clock.

[illegible] Fourth day Morning the 15th.— Friends assembled in separate sessions pursuant to adjournment.

[illegible] 58. The Committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund, and Trustees of the Mosher Fund, have presented their reports which are satisfactory to the Meeting, and the

[illegible] same committee is reappointed for that service, the coming year.

The report is as follows, viz,:—

Report of Committee on Income of the Mosher Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting;

The Committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund would report that for books in Arabic for the Ramallah Mission, the sum of ten dollars ($10.00) has expended.

One hundred and fifty six copies of the Friends' Review, and fifty five copies of the Christian Worker have been subscribed for.

One hundred and forty-seven copies of the book entitled "Glimpses of George Fox and his Friends" by Jane Budge, have been distributed.

Less money than usual has been available during the year, on account of the change in the trustee's [illegible] of the fund, consequently the committee have not been able to accomplish as much as they otherwise would have done.

Alfred H. Jones Chairman
Sarah Marble, Secretary

Newport R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1892.

Income of H. H. Mosher Fund— Treasurer's Report

Receipts.

Balance from former account	$207.69
Received from Trustees	500.00
Received interest on savings bank deposit	5.44
	$713.13

Payments

Ethel R. Johnston, for books in Arabic for Ramallah Mission	$10.00
100 copies "Glimpses of George Fox"	138.05
Subscription 100 copies Friends' Review	234.00
Subscription, 55 copies Christian Worker	55.00
7 copies "Making Most of Life"	6.16
7 copies "Quaker Victories"	8.85
Postage and expenses	4.68
Balance to new account	$476.74
	$236.39

Lynn Sixth Month 6th, 92. J. E. Paige, Treasurer.

[illegible] 17. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight together with a minute accepted by that meeting were now presented and read, viz.:-

Summary of Answers to the Queries of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

To the Yearly Meeting:

First.- With few exceptions our members are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline. Careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Second.- We are generally in unity one with another, and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ.

Third.- We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit; we are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

[illegible] Minute from the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

While we have been favored to be together "in the unity of the Spirit," a deep concern for the welfare of Zion has been apparent among us, and the blessing of our Heavenly Father was invoked for the salvation of souls and for the establishing of His kingdom. "We are nothing, Christ is all." "According to your faith be it unto you." As the work of the Church in the saving of souls and the building up of believers has testified to by witnesses, we felt to give God the glory and bless Him for the privilege of sharing the joy that begins in heaven "over one sinner that repenteth," and we believe that He is answering the fervent prayers of the Church for a Revival of His work among us. Her contentious spirit has no place among us, but we are laboring in Christian love and forbearance in gathering

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unto Christ.

With a full recognition of His power and presence as Master of assemblies and Head of His Church, we believe we shall be able to declare "the unsearchable riches of Christ," and our labor is not in vain as we permit "the very God of Peace to sanctify us wholly."

Success in the work for the master can be assured only by abiding in Him.

As we open our hearts to the great searcher of hearts, we find Him meeting our needs, providing us wisdom, grace, and strength and confirming us into those experiences which increase our powers to preach the everlasting gospel.

In much tenderness we were reminded that our Lord and Master wants us to do the best we can under the circumstances in which we are placed, that there are diversities of gifts, the exercise of which the Church stands in daily need, and that "clothed with His righteousness" and "filled with all the fulness of God," we are to go forth teaching the nations, "baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost," comforted by the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Faithfulness in the Lord's service will bring comfort, joy, and peace in all our subsequent meetings.

We are forcibly reminded that a great obligation rests upon our society as the agency which has come to us, as a heritage from those who won it through faith and sacrifice, and while it is our primary aim to win souls for Christ, it is of great importance that our special mission in this world be always kept in view, that we maintain our testimony for spiritual worship and against formalism and

ute of Mtg. ordinances, against wars and oaths,

The following constitutes the meeting in ministry and oversight:—

	Ministers	Elders	Associate Members	Total
R. I. Quarterly Meeting	21	34	25	80
Salem " "	13	34	21	68
Sandwich " "	14	16	51	81
Falmouth " "	20	24	4	48
Smithfield " "	10	25	13	48
Vassalboro " "	15	39	0	54
Dover " "	7	27	13	47
Fairfield " "	9	33	26	68
Parsonsfield " "	6	10	18	34
Total	115	242	171	528

To the Yearly Meeting:

This Meeting unites in concluding that one session of this Meeting next year be devoted to considering the subject of the Pastoral Question.

Rufus M. Jones. Clerk.

pointment of Committee to nominate delegates to the Conference of American Yearly Meetings. Committee to attend the opening of Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to nominate delegates to the Conference of American Yearly Meetings, to be held at Indianapolis, also, to nominate a committee to attend the opening of Wilmington Yearly Meeting, have presented the following Report, which is satisfactory to the meeting, and the Friends proposed are appointed to those services. The Clerks are directed to furnish them with the proper credentials, and the Treasurer to pay their necessary expenses, if called for:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee set apart to nominate delegates to the Conference at Indianapolis, in Seventh month next, would propose the following, viz.:—

Augustine Jones — Harriette D. Collins
William P. Pinkham — Ruth S. [illegible]
[illegible]

Alternates

Joseph E. Briggs — Alice H. Maxfield
Olney Tilhader — Deborah K. Atherton

To attend the opening of Wilmington Yearly meeting, viz.:-

David J. Douglas. — Phebe L. Aydelott

Alternates

Jesse McPherson — Hannah J. Bailey

Alfred H. Jones
On behalf of the Committee

Newport R.I., Sixth Month 15th, 1892

Outrages.

61. The following Memorial on the subject of Southern outrages was read and approved, and the Clerk was directed to sign the same, and to forward it to the President of the United States and to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, viz.:-

To Benjamin Harrison, the President of the United States, and to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled.

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, assembled in their Annual Meeting at Newport, R.I., having under consideration the atrocities committed against the colored people at the South, by wicked and lawless men, respectfully ask the extension over that suffering race of the special care of the General Government, the strict maintenance of their right "to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," and their protection by that Common Law, which should be the safe guard of every citizen.

Memorial to the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition.

62. The Clerk was also directed to sign and forward the following memorial to the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, viz.:-

To the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition to be held in Chicago Ill., in 1893.

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New

England assembled in their Annual meeting at Newport R.I., under a deep sense of the importance of their request, ask that the Exposition shall be kept closed on the Sabbath, and that no intoxicating drink shall be sold on the premises under any pretext whatever.

Memorial to Pres. of U.S. and Congress [illegible]

63. The following Memorial in relation to closing the Exposition on the Sabbath, was read and approved and the Clerk directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting, and to forward to the proper authorities, viz.:-

To Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States and to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled.

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England assembled in their Annual Meeting at Newport R.I., respectfully ask that all grants of aid in anyway to the Columbian Exposition, to be held at Chicago in 1893, be made only on the conditions that the Buildings of the Exposition shall be closed on the Sabbath, and that no liquor shall be sold on the premises under any pretext whatever.

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Petition to Pres. of U.S. in [illegible] Alaska.

64. The following petition in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors in Alaska was approved by the Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to sign the same, and forward to the authorities at Washington viz.:-

To Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, and to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled.

Our attention has been called to the proposed bill to license the sale of intoxicating liquors in Alaska.

We, the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England assembled at Newport, R.I., representing more than four thousand and three hundred members, respectfully protest against that proposed bill and petition that there may be sufficient legislation

[illegible] action taken and such officers appointed that the present law may be faithfully enforced.

We desire to call attention to the fact that one of the missionaries of this religious Society has been murdered and another outrageously treated, while endeavoring to see the law enforced, and these deeds of barbarism have so far as we have learned received no notice from those in authority.

Committee to [illegible]

65. The following-named Friends have been appointed to present the above-mentioned memorials and petition to the President of the United States, Senate, and House of Representatives viz.; Timothy B. Pussey, and Alfred H. Jones, and William O. Newhall as alternate.

Epistle to Friends in Ireland read.

66. An epistle to our brethren of Ireland was read at this time, and approved; and the Clerk was directed to sign and forward it on behalf of this Meeting.

[illegible] Appointed to represent the Ulli[illegible]

67. In the matter of the bequest to this Yearly Meeting, under the last will of Sarah N. Pope Dixon, of England, we conclude to reappoint Augustine Jones and Robert P. Gifford a committee to represent this Yearly Meeting, with the powers given to them under their appointment in Sixth Month, 1890, and with full power to represent this Meeting in any place and in any matters arising under said will or under the deed of trust of Sarah N. Pope, and with power to petition and consent to any change of trustees, or to any appointment of new trustees, or to the termination of said trust.

[illegible]

68. An interesting and satisfactory report from the committee on the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South, together with a report from the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Naryville Ind. have been read, and are as follows, viz:-

Report of the Committee on Freedmen.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

In the care of the Freedmen's Normal Institute the past year we have experienced seasons of anxious thought, but we can [illegible] knowledge that our Heavenly Father hath been mindful of us, and His tender mercies have been over this portion of His heritage.

Before the school opened in Eighth Month last we received the resignation of our friend William P. Hastings, who had served as principal during twenty years previous. His good work and interest for the institution seem yet near us on account of his daughter, Lettie H. Garner, who became his successor. With many years of experience in the work with her father, as teacher and assistant, we believe the school will prosper under her Christian service, provided her efforts receive the prayerful interest and practical aid which the cause demands.

The financial question is the one which we feel must claim special consideration at this time. While we are thankful for donations amounting to $278.22, yet it will be impossible to continue the good work in our care, and hold the trust in the George Sturge legacy, without an increase of funds at our disposal. This special [illegible] only exist for a limited period, until the prospective income from other sources becomes available.

The attendance of students, with the aid of the George Sturge fund, has been large during the spring term, notwithstanding the reduced [illegible] allowance to each.

The report of our principal, L. H. Garner, relating to attendance and studies, is at hand; and in one of her recent letters she mentions blessed results from a series of meetings held for evangelistic work with the students.

In addition to the financial statement herewith, we would mention that $200 have been forwarded in donations, to aid the freedmen in other parts of the South, by members of Amesbury Monthly Meeting.

Report of Com. on Freedmen Continued. We sincerely hope that the contributions for the work at Maryville will amount to $500 during the coming year.

By direction of the Committee on Freedmen,
Robert [illegible] Gifford, Secretary.

Report of Maryville Institute. Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, Maryville, Tennessee, for the Coming Year 1891-2.

Number of days taught	190
Number enrolled	165
Per Cent. of Attendance	89
Number of boarders in the buildings	68
Number of teachers in the training class	89
Number reading from books	165
Number studying arithmetic	[illegible]
Number studying English Grammar	145
Number studying Geography	136
Number studying English Composition	145
Number studying United States History	75
Number studying physiology	25
Number studying scientific agriculture	1[illegible]
Number studying algebra	15
Number studying geology of Tennessee	1[illegible]
Number studying English literature	16
Number studying History of Tennessee	18
Number studying rhetoric	6
Number studying Latin	4
Number studying Greek	1
Number studying Botany	1
Number studying Zoölogy	1
Number studying general history	1
Number studying elements Psychology	1
Number graduated in the Classical Course	1
Number graduated in the Elementary	1

On account of lack of funds, we have been unable to hire necessary teachers, and were compelled to [illegible] the primary department entirely, thereby cutting down our numbers about one third.

L. H. Garner,
Principal.

Sixth Month 3rd, 1892.

The nomination of a committee to have the care of this concern is referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the consideration of an appropriation of five hundred dollars for the use of the Committee is referred to the Committee on Finance.

Financial Statement

Receipts

Amount received from Augustine Jones, Trustee of the George Sturge Fund	$1,450.10
Amount received from Augustine Jones, Trustee of the Henry Camp Fund	150.00
Amount received from Monthly Meetings	190.22
" " " Boston Preparative Meeting	5.00
" " " [illegible] Meeting	[illegible]
" " " other donations	53.00
Total	$1,878.32

Expenditures

Amount paid Students on Sturge Fund, Autumn Term	$269.62
" " " " " " Spring Term	1,180.48
" " [illegible]	[illegible]
" " " [illegible]	[illegible]
Total	$[illegible]

Robert P. Gifford,
Treasurer.

69. The trustees of the George Sturge and Henry Camp Funds [illegible] their Annual Report, which is [illegible] is as follows, viz.:-

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the George Sturge and Henry Camp Funds.

The George Sturge Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting: Financial Statement

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$6.79
Coupons paid Seventh Month 1, 1891	727.50
" " First Month 1, 1892	727.50
Interest on Deposit	1.69
	$[illegible]

Report of the Trustees of the [illegible] & Henry Camp [illegible]

Expenditures

Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit Co.	$10.00
Assisting [illegible] to Fall Term	2[illegible]9.62
" " " Spring Term	1,180.48
Balance for new account	3.38
	$1,463.48

The Henry Camp Fund

Cash on hand Sixth Month, 1891 Receipts	$149.84
Interest and dividends	68.25
	$218.09

Expenditures

Eighth Month 4, paid on account of L. H. Garner	$100.00
Eleventh " 17, " " " " " " "	50.00
Balance for new account	68.09
	$218.09

On behalf of the Trustees
James H. Chace
Susan Taber Thompson.

[illegible] of Com. [illegible] Bible Schools.

70. The following recommendations from the Committee to [illegible] plan for a closer connection between the Yearly Meeting and its Bible Schools, were approved by the Meeting:-

The Committee appointed to consider a plan for establishing a closer connection between the Society and its Bible School work report as follows:-

We recommend that the Yearly Meeting request of each Quarterly Meeting that it shall, at its first session after this Yearly Meeting, appoint a Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools, who shall until next Yearly Meeting, have supervision of the Bible School work within the Quarterly Meeting in conjunction with the Yearly Meeting's Superintendent and Bible School Committee.

Also that the Quarterly Meetings shall, each year hereafter, at their last session before the Yearly Meeting, appoint their Bible School Superintendents, for the following year whose term of service shall begin and end with that of the Yearly Meeting's Superintendent.

That the Yearly Meeting request all Bible Schools within its limits, to report regularly, once [illegible]

three months, to their respective Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Respectfully submitted
Harriette D. Collins.
Anna J. Goddard.
George E. Crosman.

The Clerk was directed to forward the conclusions on this subject to the Clerks of the several Quarterly Meetings with the additional recommendation that the Monthly Meetings be requested to cooperate with the Quarterly Meetings Superintendents of Bible School work.

Committees Peace & Temperance Appointed. 71. The Joint Nominating Committee presented the names of Friends for the Peace Committee, and also the names of Friends for a Committee on Temperance, all of whom were approved. Their names will appear under the [illegible] headings.

Adjourned. Adjourned to meet at three o'clock this afternoon.

Committed. Afternoon, Met pursuant to adjournment.

Report of Committee. 72. The Representatives now in attendance of this meeting made the following report, viz:-

To the Yearly meeting:

We have considered the various matters submitted to us, and now report as follows, viz:-

1st. We nominate for Trustees, with full power to act for the Yearly Meeting in perfecting the alleged defective title to the land formerly owned by the Yearly meeting in Washington, D.C., Augustine Jones and Robert P. Gifford.

2d. We have made a new apportionment of the [illegible] to be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting as follows, viz:-

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting		[illegible]
Salem	" "	18
Sandwich	" "	20
Falmouth		

Report of Representatives Continued.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting		6 per cent.
Vassalboro	" "	5½ " "
Dover	" "	6 " "
Fairfield	" "	12 "
Parsonsfield	" "	2 " "

3d. We recommend that no change be made in the fifth query nor in the second unanswered query.

4th. We recommend that no change be made in the name of the Representative Meeting.

5th. We recommend that a committee be appointed by the Yearly Meeting, to consider and report next year the expediency of altering the discipline so as to aid our Monthly Meetings in their action of respecting removals from their limits.

6th. We recommend for correspondents of the Yearly Meeting, Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me., Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.

7th. We nominate for members of the Representative Meeting, the following named Friends (whose names will appear later in the Minutes).

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For the Representatives
Owen Dunn, Clerk.

In relation, to the first proposition in the Report of the Representatives, the Meeting is united in appointing Augustine Jones and Robert P. Gifford as Trustees.

In the second proposition the Meeting approves of the apportionment to the several Quarterly Meetings.

The third proposition was approved, to make no change in the fifth query, nor in the second unanswered query.

The fourth recommendation was united with to make no change in the name of the Representative Meeting.

In the sixth, the Meeting appointed the nominees proposed for Correspondents of the Yearly Meeting.

In the seventh, the nomination of Friends to constitute the Representative Meeting

was approved, and they were appointed to that service. The names will appear hereafter.

73. The Auditing Committee presented the following Report viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer reports as follows, viz.:—

Receipts

Balance from last year	$2,514.21
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	480.00
Salem " "	350.00
Sandwich " "	400.00
Falmouth " "	160.00
Smithfield " "	120.00
Vassalboro " "	110.00
Dover " "	100.00
Fairfield " "	240.00
Parsonsfield " "	40.00
Books of Discipline sold	4.00
Dividends and Interest	84.24
Received on Endowment Fund Oak Grove	15.00
	$4,617.45

Expenditures

Expenses of Yearly Meeting at Portland	$399.69
Expenses of Finance Committee in new method of raising funds.	92.34
Rent of Safe Deposit Box	5.00
Paid Executive Committee on Western Indians	525.00
Aid to Friend of British Provinces	100.00
Paid principal and interest on Oak Grove note	518.38
(Balance due on note Eighth Month, 14, 1891, $2,500.)	
Printing, Recording, etc.	419.22
Incidentals	11.99
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	2,545.83
	$4,617.45
Income of Boston Meeting House Fund Balance from last year	$1,[illegible].97
Received from Coupons	450.00
Received Savings Bank Dividends	85.80
	$2,494.77

Payments

Wesleyan Hall Association	$350.00
Balance now on hand	2,144.77
	$2,494.77

Report of [illegible] Committee.

The Report was accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of two thousand dollars, for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and Samuel P. Buffington has been appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, James H. Chace, Treasurer of the Providence School Funds; and Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer of the Oak Grove Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the above-named sum, on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

Report of [illegible] on Finance.

74. The Committee on Finance presented the following Report which was accepted, and the Treasurer of this Meeting is authorized and directed to pay the several sums specified in the Report.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Finance recommend that the following appropriations be made from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting:

For associated Committee on Western Indians	$525.00
For aid extended to a Friend from British Provinces	75.00
For Principal and Interest on Oak Grove Note	625.00
For Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	500.00
	$1,725.00

For the Committee,

Owen Dunne

Newport, Sixth Month 15th, 1892.

Report of [illegible] Committee [illegible] last year.

75. The Committee appointed by Minute 65 of last year have submitted the following report, which is approved, and the proposed changes in our Discipline are adopted by this Meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting:

1st. The Committee under appointment by Minute No. 65 of last year in relation to reading and answering the queries once a year would propose the following change in our Book of Discipline on page 107 Edition 1889: Instead of the paragraph beginning with the words, "It is also directed" the following should be submitted viz.; It is also

[illegible] directed that to this purpose the queries be read on the Preparative Meetings preceding the Quarterly Meetings which occur before the Yearly Meeting and distinct answers be given in said meetings to all the queries; and these answers be forwarded to their respective Monthly Meetings, where the queries are also to be read with the answers aforesaid; and each Monthly Meeting shall forward a summary of these answers to the Quarterly Meetings where the queries are to be again read, and the answers thereto which come from the Monthly Meetings; and a summary of these forwarded by the Quarterly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting to be read there and a summary of these reports entered on the Yearly Meeting records. It is also directed that at all other Quarterly Meetings, and at all Monthly and Preparative Meetings which precede each Quarterly Meeting these queries be read together with those called "unanswered queries" on page 108, Edition 1889, and hence the paragraph in italics on this page 108 may be stricken out.

2d. In relation to the proposition from Dover Quarterly Meeting (see Minute No. 28 last year), we would propose that the following paragraph be inserted in our Book of Discipline on page 91, Edition 1889, preceeding the paragraph headed "Delinquencies," viz.: When a Monthly Meeting shall have received reliable information that any of its members have joined another religious society or denomination, the names of such members may be dropped from our records and they released from membership without the appointment of a committee, except as the Monthly Meeting may direct its clerk or a committee to kindly inform the persons so released of the record made on their account and to express to them our Christian interest and love.

By direction of the Committee
Robert P. Gifford
Clerk.

Newport Sixth Month 11th, 1892.

[illegible] 7. The following proposition referred to this Meeting, by the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, is also approved, and the proposed change in our Discipline is adopted

Change in [illegible]

by the Meeting, viz:

The accounts from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight show that they are united in asking that a change be made so that the second paragraph in italics near the bottom of page 14 of the Book of Discipline shall read as follows: "The other three are to be answered in writing in the Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight next preceeding the Yearly Meeting, that the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight may receive a summary of these answers from each of the Quarterly Meetings." This meeting unites in referring this matter to the Yearly meeting.

Rufus M. Jones, Clerk.

The Clerk was directed to forward the above information to our Quarterly Meetings, and also to have slips printed in our Book of Discipline.

[illegible] correspondence [illegible] Epistles.

77. The Committee on Correspondence have presented a general Epistle to the American Yearly Meetings, which has been read and approved, and the Clerk was directed to sign and forward a copy to each of the Yearly Meetings on this continent with which we correspond.

They also produced Epistles to London and to the new Wilmington Yearly Meeting, and a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah, which were read and approved. The Clerk was directed to sign and forward them to the Meetings addressed.

[illegible]

78. The Nominating Committee proposed the names of friends for the Freedmen's Committee, which is approved by the Meeting.

(Names will appear under the proper heading.)

[illegible]

79. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting have directed the Clerks to cause an edition of two thousand copies of the Minutes to be printed, and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions; and we appoint Samuel [illegible], William [illegible] Hussey,

and George L. Crosman, to assist them in the accomplishment of the work.

Returning minute for George Grubb. 80. The committee for that purpose the following returning minute for our Friend George Grubb, which the Clerk was directed to sign, viz.:-

To Cork monthly meeting of Friends, Munster Quarterly meeting, and Dublin Yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders in Ireland.

Dear Friends,-

Our beloved Friend George Grubb attended this meeting with satisfactory credentials from your meetings. His company and clear gospel preaching have been both comforting and encouraging to us. Our prayers and sympathy go with him as he pursues his labors on this continent.

Returning minute for the Friends. 81. The Clerk was authorized to sign on behalf the following minute for our Friend Seneca H. Stevens, viz.:- Seneca H. Stevens attended this meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and [illegible] ones for Fernando G. Cartland, Harry R. Keats, Edward G. [illegible] David E. Sampson, John Carey, William [illegible] John [illegible] Hanson, [illegible] Hanson, William [illegible], George [illegible] Hartley, Clark M. [illegible], and his wife [illegible] and Emma Sampson.

Minute for [illegible] Carey. 82. The Clerk was directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our Friend Lindley M. Carey, viz.:- Lindley M. Carey accompanying his father John Carey, acceptably attended this meeting.

Changing [illegible] of holding [illegible] Vtg. 83. The following proposition from Sandwich quarterly meeting for changes in the time of holding that quarterly meeting has been granted, viz.:-

We propose that the quarterly meeting be held at Sandwich on the second fifth day in the tenth month instead of the first fifth day as at present.

We further propose that our meeting, which follows at New Bedford, be held on the second fifth day of the first month, instead of on the first fifth day of the twelfth month; and that the ensuing quarterly meeting

[illegible] at Ann Bedford, to hold on the second Fifth day of Fourth month, instead of on the first Fifth day, as now held; the hour to remain the same, 11.30 o'clock A.M.

And the Clerk is directed to inform said Meeting of this conclusion.

[illegible] §4. We unite with our Friends of Iowa Yearly Meeting in the proposition appended to their Epistle to establish a new Yearly Meeting at Newberg, Yamhill Co., Oregon, to be opened in the Sixth Month, 1893, and to be known as Oregon Yearly Meeting.

The subject of appointing a committee to attend the opening of said Meeting, and addressing to them an Epistle, is referred to the Representative Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to append this information as a note on the Epistle to Iowa Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] §5. The following Committee has been appointed to make all necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as may may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which are now or may be then under appointment, viz.:—

[illegible] Charles M. Jones, David J. Douglas, Samuel R. Buffington, Thomas Ward, Oscar D. Morse, Robert A. Gifford, William T. Hussey, Myra E. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Hannah J. Bailey and Susan Peckham.

[illegible] §6. Our Women Friends informs us that they have concurred in all the foregoing actions of the Men's Meeting.

[illegible] §7. We acknowledge, with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that as we have been privileged to meet in the various sessions of this Yearly Meeting, we have received strength and wisdom from on high.

We have been reported together and enabled to transact the important business that has claimed our attention in a spirit of love and harmony.

We now conclude with a sense of renewed

[illegible] minute responsibility to our Divine Master, purposing to meet [illegible]ned in Lynn, Mass., at the appointed time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Timothy B. Hussey, Clerk.

[illegible] the Members of the Representative Meeting.
[illegible]tative Samuel R. Buffington, Augustine Jones, Charles A. Chace,
[illegible]ing Phebe S. Aydelott, Harriette D. Collins, William O. Newhall,
[illegible] [illegible] H. Mansfield [illegible] Sawyer, [illegible]
Murray, Susan F. Hoyt, Anna G. Wood, John B. Barker,
[illegible] Hacker Hall, Charles [illegible] [illegible] Hoyt, [illegible]
[illegible] Richard Battey, S. Walter Swift, Mary C. [illegible]
[illegible] C. Thomas, Orford H. Jones, Elijah [illegible]
[illegible] Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, William [illegible] Little, [illegible] Hussey,
Caroline H. Little, [illegible] Jones, S. Marion Rawlins, [illegible]
[illegible] Bailey, Mary C. Rawlins, John H. Cartland, [illegible]
Cartland, Silas H. Cartland, Sylvia A. Cartland, Daniel
C. Mansfield, Edward S. Tucker, Ellen R. Buffington, David
[illegible] Jenckes, Isaac Shaw, [illegible] Swift, [illegible] Hoyt,
[illegible] Jones, Ella S. Coles, [illegible] Oscar [illegible]
Horse, Lucy Herbert, Elizabeth [illegible] Jones.

Providence School Committee.

[illegible] Timothy B. Hussey, Samuel R. Buffington, Richard Battey,
[illegible] James H. Chace, Thomas Chase, Peter [illegible],
[illegible] Buffington, Ellen R. Buffington, [illegible] Bailey,
[illegible] Cartland, [illegible] Gifford, Deborah [illegible]
Elizabeth [illegible], Sarah F. Tobey, Robert P. Gifford,
[illegible] Rawlins, [illegible] Newhall, [illegible]
Winslow, Daniel C. Mansfield, Charles A. [illegible],
[illegible] Reader, Charles Weisse, William H. [illegible],
Edward S. Tucker, [illegible], Ellen [illegible] Winslow,
Caroline [illegible] Clark, Deborah P. [illegible], Sylvia [illegible],
Ruth [illegible] Murray, [illegible] H. Mansfield, [illegible]
Elizabeth H. Newhall, Sarah [illegible], Susan [illegible],
Rosie [illegible].

Committee on Oak Grove Sem. & Bailey Institute.

Committee on Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

Chairman, Charles M. Bailey.

Secretary, J. Warren Hawkes.

Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs.

Charles M. Bailey, C. Irving Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, John J. Hogg, Lorenzo L. Dorsey, Timothy B. Hussey, Frank E. Jones, Robert H. Jones, Robert C. Hinckley, J. Warren Hawkes, Edward C. Bailey, Jonathan Pierson, George A. Tate, William P. Pinkham, Herbert E. Jackson, William A. Hodgdon, Henry Hinckley, Samuel J. Bailey, Melvin M. Bailey, Myra E. Frye, Ruthanna H. Washburne, S. Jane Cox, Emma J. Briggs, Mary E. Eaton, Sarah Marble, Eliza J. Pierce, Lettie M. Bailey, Mary C. Hinckley.

Committee on Executive.

Augustine Jones, Lorenzo Dorsey, Jr., Emma J. Hill, Charles M. Jones, Ruthanna H. Washburne, Joseph E. Briggs, John Edward Page, Phebe R. Cartlidge, Ruth Chesley, Gertrude M. Cortland, Sarah Marble, Hilmert R. Jones.

Committee on Foreign Missions.

Foreign Missions.

Chairman, Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.

Rec. Secretary, Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.

Cor. Secretary, Charles M. Jones, South Portland, Me.

Treasurer, William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.

Timothy B. Hussey, Emma M. Hussey, Emma C. Wood, Charles M. Jones, Martha Coby, Mary Ellen Chase, Samuel J. Bailey, Eli Pierson, Harriet S. Collins, William Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Joseph R. Jones, Lettie F. Chase, Lizzie H. Cortland, Lincoln H. Jones, Alice C. Charles, Frances Humphrey, Ruth S. Chesley, Mehitable H. Lightbody, Albert S. Wiggin, William T. Hussey, Mary Hussey, Mary F. Jones, Albert E. Hogg, John H. Cummings, Rufus M. Jones, Ellen H. Chapman, Sarah Marble, Ella M. Bailey, Mary Emma J. Briggs, Ruthanna C. Wood, Isaac Stere, Emma A. Douglas, Mary C. Hawkes.

Committee on Gospel Work.

[illegible] Chairman, [illegible] Metcalf, [illegible]

Secretary, Harriette D. Collins, Wood River Junction, R. I.

Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.

[illegible] J. Douglas, [illegible]

Executive Committee.

David J. Douglas, John Metcalf, Harriette D. Collins,

Elizabeth T. Larkin, [illegible], Mass.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

[illegible] Rhode Island, [illegible] Street, Fall River, Mass.

Superintendents, Salem, Charles H. Atkins, Ocean Street, Lynn, Mass.

Sandwich, William P. Macomber, Fairhaven Mass.

Falmouth, William [illegible], Woodford's Me.

Smithfield, Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge Mass.

Passaboro, James M. Estes, [illegible], Me.

Dover, Arthur [illegible] Hussey, [illegible]

Fairfield, Lizzie A. Church, Hallowell, Me.

Parsonsfield, John B. Cartland, North Sandwich, N. H.

General Committee.

David J. Douglas, Frank E. Jones, Harriette D. Collins,

James M. Estes, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Emeline H. Luttle,

[illegible] Atkins, Joseph E. Briggs, [illegible]

John B. Cartland, [illegible]

[illegible] Jane Cox, Ruth S. Murray, Henry F. Newell, [illegible]

Douglas, Lucy A. Snow, G. Mahlon Chace, Salome

C. Wheeler, [illegible] Lydelott, Oscar J. Morse, [illegible]

[illegible] Reynolds, Henry [illegible] Lydelott, [illegible]

[illegible] Winslow, Lizzie A. Church, [illegible]

[illegible], John Metcalf, Harriette M.

Philbrick, Arthur M. Hussey.

Committee on Western Indians.

Chairman, William P. Newhall.

Secretary, Myra E. Frye

Treasurer, Samuel Buffum.

William O. Newhall, Lynn, Mass., Ellen H. Buffum

[illegible] Street, Providence R. I., Augustine Jones

Friends' School, Providence R. I., John J. Frye, Wood-

ford's Me., Myra E. Frye, Woodford's, Me., Henry

Winslow, Winthrop Centre, Me., [illegible] C. Luttle, Dover

N. H., Emeline H. Luttle, Dover, N. H., [illegible] M. [illegible]

Committee on [illegible] Seabrook, N.H., Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me., [illegible] Wheeler, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] S. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me., Joseph [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] N.H., Elizabeth H. Cobb, East Parsonsfield, Me., Joseph [illegible] Wood, Boston, Mass., Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me., Electa Jane Collins, Great Barrington, Mass., [illegible] Estes, [illegible] [illegible] Richardson, Lizzie M. Hawkes, Manchester, Me., Mary J. Collins, Hopkinton, R.I., Edward S. Tucker, New Bedford, Mass., Susan H. Meader, Boston, Mass., [illegible] B. Buffum, North Berwick, Me., Sarah J. [illegible], Worcester, Mass., Elisha S. Read, Woonsocket, R.I., John S. Kimber, Newport, R.I.

Associated [illegible] Associated Executive Committee.

William C. Newhall, Augustine Jones, Emeline H. Luttle, Myra E. Frye.

[illegible] Committee on Memorials to the President of the United States, Congress, and to the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition.

Augustine Jones, Rufus M. Jones, James H. [illegible], Harriette L. Collins, Samuel Buffum, William C. Newhall, Phebe S. Lapidlott, Lucy [illegible] Farm.

[illegible] Committee.

Robert [illegible], Cyrus Jones, Joseph S. Briggs, Hannah [illegible] Philey, Gertrude [illegible] Curtland, [illegible] [illegible] Hussey.

Trustees of [illegible] Fund Trustees of the Mosher Fund.

Charles M. Bailey, Olney T. Meader, Owen Dame.

Committee on Committee on Peace

[illegible], Thomas [illegible], Providence, R.I.
Treasurer, Samuel R. Buffington, Fall River, Mass.
Secretary, Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
[illegible] Curtland, East Parsonsfield, Me.
Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Sylvester S. Aldrich, Woonsocket, R.I.
[illegible] W. [illegible]
Thomas Chase, Providence, R.I.
Ellen Bangs, Dover, N.H.
[illegible]

[illegible] Bedford, [illegible].
[illegible] R. [illegible], [illegible].
[illegible], [illegible].
[illegible] Harr [illegible], [illegible].
Thomas Wood, [illegible] State St., [illegible].
Martha E. Hoag, 12 Sunderland St., Roxbury, Mass.
[illegible] Smith [illegible], [illegible].
[illegible], [illegible].
[illegible] Alice Jones, Friends' School, [illegible].

Committee on Literature

[illegible] Ellen [illegible].
Thomas Wood.

Committee on Lectures

Hannah J. Bailey, Thomas Wood.

Committee on Bible Schools

[illegible] Thomas J. Bailey, Annie E. [illegible]
[illegible] George C. Herbert, Sarah D. Brown
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Committee on [illegible]

[illegible] Wtg and [illegible] Schools.

[illegible]

Committee on Temperance

[illegible]
Secretary [illegible]
Treasurer [illegible]
Supt. of Literature [illegible]
Supt. of Juvenile Work, Emma C. Pinkham, Woodford's, Me.
Supt. of Lectures, Hannah J. Bailey, [illegible]

Executive Committee.

[illegible] Rufus M. Jones, John F. Chase, Ezra Hawkes, Concord, N.H. Hannah J. Bailey, Elizabeth Larkin, Mary H. Robinson.

R. Island. Rhode Island.

Robert P. Gifford, Charles H. Earle, Joseph H. Hunter, Edwin R. Utter, M. Augusta Bailey, Emma B. Macomber.

[illegible] Salem.

John F. Chase, William Wood, Ezra Hawkes, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Mary Ann Chase, Jillah Binns.

Sandwich Sandwich

Joshua A. Macomber, Gideon Wood, Mary [illegible], Hannah R. Gifford, Sarah E. Wright, Susan F. Hoxie.

Smithfield Smithfield

Elisha T. Read, George F. Varney, Lydia A. Phelps, Hannah Wheeler, [illegible] Allen.

Falmouth. Falmouth.

Josiah B. Holder, Lewis M. Douglas, Edward H. Hacker, Lucy A. Jones, Mary H. Robinson, Emma C. Pickham, Edward [illegible].

Vassalboro Vassalboro.

[illegible], Rufus M. Jones, Elizabeth R. Jones, [illegible] P. Pierce.

Dover

William Hussey, Stephen Meader, [illegible] H. [illegible], Catharine F. Hanson.

Fairfield Fairfield

Alfred W. Hawkes, George B. Wing, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary A. Hoxie.

Parsonsfield Parsonsfield

Leslie O. Meader, John A. Cartland, Lydia A. Cartland, Julia P. Kimball.

[illegible] Committee on the Recognition of a Greater Variety of Gifts in the Church.

Recognition of Gifts in the Church

William P. Pickham, [illegible] B. Wheeler, Alfred H. Jones, William J. Hussey, Jesse McPherson, Silas H. Cartland, [illegible] Thomas Wood, William Thompson, [illegible], [illegible] C. Wheeler, Etta S. Coles, [illegible], Martha B. Osborne, Eunice C.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dover, Timothy B. Hussey

Fairfield, Joseph E. Briggs

Parsonsfield, Silas H. [illegible].

Quarly Meeting Correspondents.

[illegible] Cortland, Newburyport, Mass.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Epistle to London Yearly Meeting

Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends [illegible] R. I. [illegible]

To London.

[illegible] Friends,

We greet you as brethren beloved and feel the salutation of the Apostle revived in our hearts "Grace [illegible] you and peace from God the [illegible] our Lord Jesus Christ." Your Epistle, of last year and the [illegible] of this year have been read, renewing in us the consciousness of our Christian fellowship.

Our educational work the past year has been [illegible] encouraging.

[illegible] the two [illegible] care at Providence R. I., and Vassalboro, Maine, [illegible] a larger number of graduates than usual. [illegible]

The reports from our Mission Work at Ramallah have been very cheering. The Girls Training Home has continued its work in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

The Medical Department has been a great blessing during the past year to the surrounding districts. The Day Schools [illegible] in active operation; the various religious meetings [illegible] well attended, and the business meetings [illegible]

May our Heavenly Father bless your efforts [illegible] in restoring the waste places.

The colored people of the South continue to claim our attention with practical results in Christian Education at Maryville Institute, [illegible] where the income from the [illegible] Sturge [illegible]

We have prepared memorials to the President of the United States and Congress at [illegible] asking our Government to prevent the outrages so prevalent against this oppressed race.

We have also asked our National Government to enforce its laws, prohibiting the liquor traffic in Alaska.

[illegible] to your force of Laborers in Foreign [illegible] your "Missionary Helpers Union", quicken our hearts to earnest [illegible] abundantly bless these labors.

May the Oceans and the mountains be no barriers but highways by means of which the [illegible] service and together bear witness rejoicingly to the power of His word.

With Christian love, Your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.
Timothy B. Hussey, Clerk.

To Ireland.

Permitted again to assemble at our Yearly meeting, we have in an unusual degree experienced the goodness and favor of our Lord to us. His messengers have come to us from the East, West, North and South [illegible] that neither oceans nor continents divide those who are united by the Spirit of our common Father. The [illegible] our dear Friend George Crubb from your Yearly meeting has [illegible] have been privileged to receive his words of counsel and his messages of Gospel love.

[illegible] the Yearly meeting have [illegible] those whose hearts long for the welfare of the Church.

[illegible] apparent among our members an earnest desire to have their lives in complete accord with the Will of our Master.

We have great cause for thankfulness. [illegible] attended the efforts [illegible] which claim our attention.

The reports of our Boarding schools, Friend's School at Providence R.I., and Oak Grove Seminary at Passadena [illegible]

Epistle to [illegible] continued.

[illegible]

The needs of the [illegible] and the Freedmen of the South aroused in us a desire to relieve their [illegible] and to [illegible] for their [illegible] advancement.

[illegible] perance, and Peace have claimed our [illegible], and while we realize how slow is the progress which attends the [illegible] against the evil systems which have been long established, yet our hearts are filled with faith and hope as we remember that the issue is in the hands of one, whose work is [illegible].

[illegible] future [illegible] and [illegible] study of the Holy Scriptures.

We have been earnestly exhorted to hold [illegible] left us, while at the same time adapting ourselves to the [illegible] of the present.

Desiring that you may take courage for the great work of our Master, and that strength and wisdom may be given you from above, we are your friends in the love of the Gospel.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the [illegible]
Timothy B. Hussey, Clerk

[illegible]

Dear Friends:

As we came together in our Meeting we were made [illegible] in all our work in the past year [illegible] Lord's blessing.

Our reports on [illegible] unusually encouraging both as to the intellectual and spiritual progress. The work in the hands of our young people is [illegible] strength to the Church -

[illegible] Bible School work, upon which our future as a people so much depends.

Greater results have attended the labors of our Gospel Committee than last year: the currents of Divine life are broader and deeper than before, and [illegible] church.

The suffering condition of the colored people at the South has brought to our notice, [illegible] memorial to the President and Congress of the [illegible] [illegible] the sale of intoxicating liquors in [illegible].

The [illegible] on their behalf and we have memoralized Congress in relation to both of these matters.

Our Home and Foreign Mission work has prospered and while we have helped others, we have been blessed ourselves, and those who have gone forth to teach the Nations have realized the sweetness of the Master's promise "To [illegible] with you always."

The pressing need for increased accommodation at Ramallah, has been brought before [illegible] and friends are contributing liberally for the enlargement of the Girls [illegible].

[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] that of [illegible] realize that we [illegible] our efforts.

[illegible] your epistles with those received from other Yearly Meetings revives the precious sense that [illegible] is one, and that the band [illegible] our hearts together in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our Friends Henry R. Keats, Seneca [illegible] from [illegible]

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
[illegible] Clerk

Epistle to Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

To Wilmington Yearly Meeting of Friends [illegible] at Wilmington, Ohio, Eighth Month, 1892.

Dear Friends;

[illegible] we greet you with a loving welcome to the sisterhood of Yearly Meetings.

[illegible] this year [illegible] your [illegible].

Our Yearly Meeting [illegible] the comforting, unifying, guiding [illegible] our Master in all its deliberations this year.

The word has been preached in the demonstration of the Spirit.

The aged and the young have engaged freely [illegible] meetings, and the attendance has been large.

[illegible] reports show our denominational schools to be in a prosperous condition, [illegible] fulfilling the purpose [illegible] literary and religious training.

[illegible] within our limits has

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[illegible] attended [illegible] with [illegible] past year, and the influence of our young [illegible] of Christian Endeavor [illegible] the young into [illegible] and into [illegible] fellowship with the church, is also a cause for thanksgiving.

[illegible] at the same time, [illegible] our mission at [illegible], which the Lord has so evidently watched over and blessed during the year, and in the work among the Indians this seems to have been [illegible].

Reports of Bible Schools and other [illegible] indicate renewed activity and earnestness on the part of our members, and the [illegible] blessing [illegible] their labors.

We have been brought into sympathy with the [illegible] of the Truth in their sufferings at the hands of violent men and with the [illegible] in their faithfulness against the [illegible] among them; and we have [illegible] in relation to these subjects. In considering the subject of Temperance we recognize more clearly than ever before the importance of insisting upon total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the nation.

We have been agreeably and forcibly reminded of our duty to promulgate the testimonies of the gospel respecting wars, oaths, and Christian worship.

The [illegible] of many of the Lord's [illegible] from other yearly meetings, [illegible] in their religious service and the consecrated zeal with which they have sought to help forward all the [illegible] of the church have been [illegible] and strengthening to us.

[illegible] be [illegible] as a branch of the [illegible] church [illegible] with a definite service for God. [illegible] members be living members of the body of Christ washed, sanctified, justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God, growing up [illegible] in all things [illegible] Christ.

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[illegible] with confidence we are your friends.

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Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport R. I., Sixth Month 1893.

Timothy B. Cheney, Clerk.

Minutes 1893

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Me., commencing on Sixth day Sixth Month 9th, 1893.

2. By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:-

From Rhode Island- Obadiah Chace, Augustine Jones, Benjamin Greene, Daniel Meader, Robert P. Gifford, Charles W. Earle, Isaac L. Fish, Henry C. Aydelott, Joseph H. Atwater, and Charles D. Kenyon.

From Salem- Joseph Cartland, Peter M. Neal, Charles H. Thorndike, Olney T. Meader, Owen Dame, John F. Chase, Joshua Buxton, Lebbeus Hill, Allen P. Aldrich, Daniel C. Maxfield, Walter B. Allen, John Elwood Paige, John H. Crosman, and Cyrus Jones.

From Sandwich- William Thompson, Gideon Wood, Joseph Ewer, David Kelley, William P. Macomber, Edward G. Wood, Simeon W. Luther, John C. Taylor, Stephen R. Wing, and Joshua L. Macomber.

From Falmouth- Nathan Douglas, John J. Frye, Ezra Hankes, L. Frank Jones, Amos F. Lunt, Reuben T. Jones, John H. Hall, Cyrus Cartland, George H. Farr, Lucius C. Dunham, and William H. Varney.

From Smithfield- Isaac Steere, Francis H. Innman, Richard Battey, D. Wheeler Swift, A. Eben Phelps, Paul A. Randall, David B. Wheeler, Greeley Dow and George F. Varney.

From Vassalboro- William H. Cates, Alfred H. Jones, Elizah Cook, George E. Roberts, James M. Estes, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Rufus M. Jones, Josiah Philbrick, and Jediah J. Varney.

From Dover- Samuel Buffum, William P. Tuttle, Timothy B. Hussey, Albert C. Buffum,

Eli Meader, William P. Jenkins, and George Estes.
From Fairfield — Joseph E. Briggs, Jesse McPherson, Levi Jones, I. Warren Hankes, David J. Douglas, Henry Winslow, A. F. Morse, and Joseph Winslow.
From Parsonsfield — Otis Meader, John B. Cartland, Silas H. Cartland and Joseph J. Remick. Whose names being called, they were all present except nineteen, for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Isaac Sharp, a minister of the Gospel; with satisfactory credentials from Darlington Monthly Meeting, England, Fourth Month 1st, 1890. Durham Quarterly Meeting, England, held Fourth Month 17th, 1890, and London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held Fifth Month 30th, 1890, and again held the 18th, 19th, and 28th, of Fifth Month, 1891.

4. We have also the acceptable company of the following beloved friends from the American Yearly Meetings, viz:—Fernando G. Cartland from New York Yearly Meeting; Edmund C. Siler, Western Yearly Meeting; George N. Hartley, of Iowa Yearly Meeting, and Jesse W. Wilmore from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who produced certificates from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

5. We have also the acceptable company of our dear friend, William G. Hubbard from Columbus, Ohio. He informed the Meeting that the Minute granted him for religious service amongst us had been lost on his journey hither. Expressions of sympathy were accorded him and he was

encouraged to feel no embarrassment which has on account of his unfortunate loss. We praise the Lord for the wonderful preservation of his life on his way to us, as the incidents which occurred and his providential escape from harm have been related by him to us.

6. We have read a Minute of Newberg Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Newberg Quarterly Meeting, in favor of our dear friend L. Ella Hartley, an elder, wife of George N. Hartley. Her company has been acceptable to us.

7. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if they should open for it, is referred to the following, viz., William P. Newall, William P. Pinkham, Jesse McPherson, Samuel R. Buffington, and Rufus M. Jones.

8. Epistles have been received from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except London. We have also received one from the Monthly Meeting of Ramallah, Palestine. Those from Dublin, Baltimore, and Iowa were read to our comfort and edification.

9. We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Owen Rame, John C. Taylor, Charles A. Nichols, Isaac Steere, William H. Cates, Samuel F. Jennings, Levi Jones, and Otis Meader, a committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date, to propose a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also to

propose a Friend for Treasures of the Boarding School at Providence, and another for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro.

10. We appoint Charles Estes, J. Elwood Paige, William P. Macomber, Henry F. [illegible], [illegible] Phelps, William P. Varney [illegible] C. Tuttle, Jesse McPherson, and John B. Cartland, a committee to prepare a summary to the answers to the queries and present it at a future sitting.

11. The following changes have ocurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz:-
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that Elizabeth H. Potter, an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 26th, 1893, aged 80 years. Abner Potter, a minister and member of the same Meeting, died Third Month 12th, 1893, aged 90 years. Eunice Estes, an Elder and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting died Second Month -th, 1893, aged 84 years. Sarah M. Orvis, a Minister and member of the same Meeting, has been released from membership in the Society, at her own request. Thomas Chace, an Elder and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 25th 1892, aged 65 years. It has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the discontinuance of their Monthly Meetings, except those next preceding the several Quarterly Meetings. It has united with Rhode Island, Swansea and Providence Monthly Meetings in their appointment of twenty-nine associate members of the Meeting on Ministry

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and Oversight.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George H. Jones to the station of Elder, also with Amesbury and Boston Monthly Meetings in their appointments of twenty-two associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Thomas Folsom, an Elder and member of Amesbury Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 23d, 1893, aged 71 years.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George E. Akin and Sarah F. Potter to the station of Elder, and with their Monthly Meetings in the appointment of fifty-nine associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Edward G. Hood, a Minister, has been received a member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, by removal certificate from Marlboro Monthly Meeting, N.J. It has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in changing the dates of that Meeting at three times in the year, viz., from the Sixth day before the first Fifth day in Fourth Month, to the first Sixth day in Fourth Month; from the Sixth day after the first Fifth day in Tenth Month, to the Sixth day after the second Fifth day in Tenth Month; from the Sixth day before the first Fifth day in Twelfth Month, to the first Sixth day in the Twelfth Month, the hour remaining the same, and also with that Monthly Meeting in changing the time of holding their Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, to the

morning of the day of the Monthly Meeting preceding each Quarterly Meeting at 9.30 A.M. Whenever changes in the dates of the Monthly Meetings have been made, as above noted, the Preparative Meeting at Sandwich is held on the Fourth day of the week before those Monthly Meetings; and the Preparative Meetings at Falmouth and Yarmouth on the Fifth day of the week before the Monthly Meetings alluded to.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jeremiah N. Hacker, L. Maria Hacker, Caroline Jones and Alice N. Hawkes to the station of Elder. It also united with Dunham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Marcus L. Thomas, Joseph Douglas, Lina B. Lunt, Hiram C. Goddard, and Osborne J. Hoffman; also with the same Meeting in the appointment of Jennie C. Douglas, Elwood S. Bailey, Ella L. Bailey, Nathan Douglas, 2d. and Emma J. Douglas, to the station of Elder. Elizabeth B. Evans, a Minister and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 4th 1898, aged 62 years. Robert Goddard, an Elder and member of Dunham Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 6th, 1892, aged 82 years.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Nelson Tafe, an Elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting died Sixth Month 28th, 1892, aged 87 years. Phebe M. Pitts an Elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died Sixth

Month 12th, 1892, aged 83 years. James G. Arnold, an Elder and member of Westbridge Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 28th, 1892, aged 67 years. Daniel Wheeler has been appointed correspondent to Westbridge Monthly Meeting. It has united with Westbridge Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Arthur H. Swift. It has united with the Monthly Meeting in the appointment of eleven associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Wassalboro Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elijah Cook and James M. Estes, and in appointing Sylvena Prescott to the station of Elder, also in the appointing of fourteen associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. It has united with China Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Frank H. Jones; and in the appointment of Lydia R. Jones, Mary T. Gould and Azenath C. Evans, to the station of Elder; and with Unity Monthly Meeting in appointing Clara E. Webb and Everett Jones to the station of Elder. J. Warren Starkey, a Minister and member of Wassalboro Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 25th, 1891, aged 66 years. Henry Hanson, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Third Month 26th, 1892, aged 73 years. Caleb Jones, an Elder and member of China Monthly Meeting died Second Month 17th, 1892, aged 64 years.

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Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Daniel H. Jennes, Ada M. Jennes, and John H. Osborn, to the station of Elder; and with Berwick, in the appointment of six associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Ira F. Jenkins, an Elder and member of Dover Meeting, died Fifth Month 3d, 1892, aged 65 years. Oliver Meader, an Elder and member of Berwick Meeting, died Tenth Month 31st, 1892, aged 77 years. Lorator S. Morrell, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Third Month 26th, 1893, aged 83 years. Mary H. Morrell, a Minister and member of the same Meeting, died Third Month 28th 1893, aged 80 years. It has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in changing the place of holding said Meeting on the Second and Seventh Months to Sonic, N. H., same times.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Levi Richmond, Sarah B. Richmond, and Mary C. Winslow, to the station of Elder; and on the appointment by two Monthly Meetings, of sixteen associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Proctor Sampson, an Elder and member of Winthrop Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 18th, 1893, aged 86 years, 11 months, and 27 days.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Sarah H. Leonard, an Elder and member of Parsonsfield Meeting, died Seventh Month 13th 1892, aged 79 years, 11 months, and 8 days. Moses L. Cobb, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Ninth Month 21st, 1892, aged 53 years.

g adjourned. Adjourned to meet in separate sessions at 3.45 this afternoon

ting assembled. Afternoon:- The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment

s appointed. 12. Owen Dame, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing the name of Timothy B. Hussey for clerk, and Daniel C. Mayfield and J. Warren Hawkes for assistant clerks, whose names separately considered being united with, they are appointed to the respective services the ensuing year.

g adjourned Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 P.M.

Sixth-day Afternoon: Friends met in joint session near the hour appointed.

13. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, R. I., presented their Annual Report, which was read, approved, and is as follows, viz:-

Report of Providence School Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to whom was intrusted the care and interests of the Boarding School at Providence under their charge of the Yearly Meeting, in presenting the Seventy-fourth Annual Report of its proceedings, have gratefully to acknowledge that it has been a year of exceptional prosperity in various ways. The health of the scholars and family has been remarkably good. The Principal in her communication to the Committee in its meeting in the Eleventh Month stated, "The school has never since my being here seemed to be more earnest in its work, more pure, and the quality of students has never been so strong in moral character.

I believe we gain each year in the recent years in this respect." And each subsequent report of the principal has confirmed the impression thus early made. The Sub-Committees, in their regular reports from observation both in the class rooms and in various other ways, have uniformly borne testimony to the excellence of the instruction given, and thoroughness of the work accomplished. Their frequent attendance of the Meetings for Worship held at the school both on First and Fourth days, enables them to testify to the evident interest manifested, and various exhibitions of a steady and healthy spiritual growth, so that we can with confidence assert, that at no time since our connection with the Institution, has the spiritual and intellectual standard of the school been upon a higher plane than at the present time.

The following Minute was placed upon our records at the meeting of the Committee in the Eleventh Month last, viz:-

"We have to record that since our last meeting we have sustained a great loss in the removal by death of Thomas Chase, L.L.D., one of our number, who died Tenth Month 5th, 1892. Although his connection with this school as a member of the Committee was comparatively brief, yet his deep interest in the Institution had been of long standing, and his services were very much appreciated by us. The cause of education has sustained a very great loss by his death."

During the past year, a two-tenement "Teacher's House" has been erected upon the premises, and occupied by two of the teachers and their families, promoting, as we believe,

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their comfort and convenience, and thus supplying a long-felt need.

The Committee at this time record their profound satisfaction on account of the removal of taxation from a large portion of the school property under the provisions of the following act, to wit:

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
January Session, A.D. 1893.

"An Act in amendment of an act passed at the October Session A.D. 1823, entitled "An Act to authorize and enable the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to receive, hold, manage, appropriate, and dispose of property for charitable and benevolent and other purposes," and of the acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:-

Section 1. All of the real estate of the corporation created by act of the General Assembly passed at the October Session A.D. 1823, under the name of "The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England" now owned or held in trust by it, except as is hereinafter provided, and all the personal property held, or that may be held, by it, absolutely or in trust under or for the purposes of its said act of incorporation, shall hereinafter be exempt from taxation, so long as said real estate and personal property shall be owned and used by said corporation exclusively for educational purposes.

Provided, however, that the following described parcels of land, situated in the city of Providence, as delineated upon that certain plat to be recorded, entitled "Plat of Friends' School Estate surveyed

and drawn by Wm. S. Haines, 1877," shall not be exempt from taxation under the provisions hereof, namely: First, a parcel of land bounded by Alumni Avenue, Moses Brown Avenue, Barnes Street, and Thayer Street. Second, a parcel of land bounded by Olney Street, Pennington Avenue, Alumni Avenue, and Thayer Street. Third, those certain lots of land numbered on said plat from forty-three to fifty-two, both inclusive. Fourth a parcel of land bounded by Alumni Avenue, Arlington Avenue, Lloyd Avenue and Columbus Avenue. Fifth, a parcel of land on the easterly side of Arlington Avenue of about one and three quarters acres.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its second passage.

This act was secured after more than seventy-five days of constant effort, and it exempts the personal property, the buildings and groves, play-grounds, orchards, and gardens, including more than twenty-six acres of land.

In the accomplishment of this result we desire to express our appreciation of the services of the Principal, Augustine Jones, whose experience in legislative and educational matters was invaluable, in the settlement of important questions involved in thus restoring to this Institution the prospective freedom from taxation which it was entitled to under the existing State law, previous to 1876. We recognize in the travel of this act through the Legislature the guidance and special providence of our Father in Heaven, and to Him, for this blessing and many others attending

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the Institution this year, we return our most heartfelt thanks.

"Not vainly the gift of the founder was made;
Not prayerless the stones of it corner were laid;
The blessings of Him whom in secret they sought:
Has owned the good work the fathers have wrought."

It is a further matter of interest that our charter is, by its special structure, supposed to be beyond the control of the Legislature to such a degree that it can neither be amended nor repealed, except with our consent, so long as the decision in the famous Dartmouth College case is the law of the land. And if the question is ever raised, it will have to be settled not by the State Courts, but by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The number of scholars for the year has been—

Boarders	161
Day students	17
Total	178

Officers of Government and Instruction.

Augustine Jones A.M., L.L.B. Principal and Political Science
William E. Sargent, A.M., Governor and English Studies and Calisthenics for Boys.
Evelyn Barrows, B.S., Preceptress and English Studies.
Thomas J. Batley, A.M., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
Frederick H. Howard, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Charles R. Jacob, A.B., Modern Languages.
Lucia A. Wheeler, A.B., English Studies.
Alice F. Mayberry, English Studies, Autumn Term.
Helen L. Thomas, English Studies, Spring Term.
Abbie D. Cartland, Primary Room.
Eliza D. Gardiner, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.

Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Charles E. Cobb, Charge of Boys' School-room.
Robert Bonner, Instrumental Music.
Lydia Sargent Calisthenics for Girls.
Charles E. Cobb, Secretary and Book-keeper.
Grace King Peaslee, Librian.

Lecturer

Thomas J. Battey, A.M., Natural Science.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the school, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund $75. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25. And a further credit to any member of the New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, of $10; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting $30. It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,
William O. Newhall, Clerk.

Providence, Fifth Month 30th, 1893.

Note.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 5th, 1893, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 7th, 1894.

Applications for admission to the school

[illegible] should be made [illegible] for the meeting of the Committee, Eight Month 1st 1893. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eight Month 1st 1893. Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones Providence, R.I.

The report is cheering and encouraging, and we believe that the blessings of the Lord has evidently rested upon the efforts of those who have so diligently labored for its prosperity.

We appoint Henry C. Audelott and others to propose to this Meeting the names of a committee to have the charge of the School the ensuing year. They are also requested to propose the names of a Real Estate Committee.

[illegible] 14. This Meeting accepts the amendment to its Charter granted by the Rhode Island Legislature at its January Session in Providence, 1893.

[illegible] Auditors Report for the Year Ending Seventh Month 1st, 1892.

Resources.

Charitable Scholarship Fund	2,[illegible]
Elizabeth Frye	[illegible]
General	5,750.00
Stephen T. Olney Fund for Scholarships	3,575.00
Philip J. Tripp Scholarship Fund	300.00
Day Students Tuition	1,827.75
Auxiliary Studies, etc.	4,348.86
Board and Tuition	34,924.46
	54,401.07

Expenditures

Salary Account	$15,517.45
Wages	11,241.41
Provisions	1,330.37
Advertising	1,268.07
Repairs	3,854.49
Library	734.36
Water	478.72
Fuel	1,364.25
Light	872.30
Incidentals	325.60
Improvements	3,055.45
Debts considered bad	424.75
Balance to profit and loss, exclusive of taxes paid by real estate sales	3,933.85
	$54,401.07

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Robert P. Gifford,
Charles Sisson,
John H. Chace
Edward T. Tucker
} Auditors

[illegible] The Committee on Real Estate presented the following report, viz:-

Report of the Real Estate Committee,
To the Yearly Meeting:

We have sold during the past year:-

One lot of land containing 13,800 square feet, for	$6,300.00
Received for deed delivered on a previous contract for sale of 8,750 square feet	3,300.00
Interest on same for six months	99.00
Balance reported on hand last year	227.88
	$9,926.88

Expenditures

Cash per expenses	$81.50
Paid J. H. Chace Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds	9,845.38
	$9,926.88

Robert P. Gifford,
Clerk of Real Estate Committee.

Providence Fifth Month 2nd, 1893.

Rec. Estate Committee

James H. [illegible], Olney T. Meader,
Samuel R. Buffington. Robert P. Gifford.
Charles Sisson.

16. The Committee having charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute presented their Annual Report, which has been read.

The faithful effort of the management is highly appreciated by this Meeting, and the report is accepted. The Committee is reappointed with the addition of the names of Rufus W. Jones and Elenora S. Woodman.

Report of the Committee on Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

Another year of prosperity has attended the school at Oak Grove, and again we record our grateful appreciation to our Heavenly Father's favor and blessing.

The attendance has been unusually large, numbering one hundred and thirty-five pupils, and the boarding department has been full during most of the school year. The health of the school has been exceptionally good, and both the literary and religious work highly satisfactory to your Committee. Meetings for worship have been regularly held on First-days and in the middle of the week. Of these the Principal says: "Our meetings have been seasons of great blessing to us all. Many of the scholars have given unmistakable evidence that their hearts have been changed; and we believe that God has been crowned in very many lives here."

The graduating class numbered twelve, - seven boys and five girls. Of these the Principal says: "It was an unusually strong class of young men and women of decided character, and I believe some of them will make themselves felt in the world. Eleven of the twelve are active, professed Christians"

Among the acquisitions of the past year may be mentioned a five-inch Alvin Clark telescope, presented to the school by George L. Crosman and Herbert O. Jepson, of Lynn, Mass.; a fine piano, the gift of our dear friend, Sophia B. Bailey, of Winthrop, which is highly appreciated; and an acre of land deeded by Vassalboro Monthly Meeting. It lies directly in front of the Seminary, and is being made into a park which will add much to the beauty and permanent value of the grounds.

At a meeting of the Committee held in the Fifth Month, Rufus M. Jones gave notice that he felt the time had come for him to sever his connection with the school. The four years of his administration have been years of prosperity, of steady growth and development; not only have his labors been marked by executive ability and literary excellence but as a religious teacher he has "allured to brighter worlds and led the way" In leaving us, to enter upon a broader field of labor, it is the united prayer of the Committee with whom he has been so pleasantly associated that the Divine blessing may abide upon him.

The services of his wife, Sarah C. Jones, as head of the household department, have also been appreciated, and her Christian influence has been very

helpful in the school family. Henry H. Goddard, who has ably seconded Rufus M. Jones in the work of the school during the past two years, has been selected to succeed him as Principal for the coming year. The other members of the faculty are not fully decided upon. With the acknowledgment that hitherto the Lord hath helped us we turn trustfully to the future, and commend Oak Grove School with its important interests to the Christian cares of the yearly Meeting.

All applications for admission to the school should be made to

Henry H. Goddard, A. M., Principal,
Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute,
Vassalboro, Me.

On behalf of the Committee,
Charles W. Bailey, Chairman.
J. Warren Hawkes, Secretary.

Portland, Sixth Month 7th, 1893.

Treasurer's Report Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

Receipts.

Cash received on Fund	$3,500.00
Interest on General Fund	1,224.80
Interest on Sybil Jones Fund	44.33
Interest on Mary E. Austin Fund	210.44
Board and Tuition	4,793.87
Cash received from State Treasurer	800.00
Cash received from sale of cow	35.00
	$10,613.49

Expenditures

Cash on Fund Paid C. W. Bailey, Trustee	$3,000.00
Salaries	3,033.32
Wages	716.96
Scholarships	331.00
Repairs and Renewals	284.51
Provisions	1,675.62
Fuel	612.36
Lights	52.54
Incidentals	128.83
	$10,335.14
Cash on hand	$278.35

Jos. E. Briggs,
Treasurer.

We have examined the itemized accounts, of which the above is a summary, with vouchers and found them correct.

Geo. L. Crosman,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Auditors.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 7th, 1893.

Report of Committee on Education

The Committee on Education presented the following Report, which has been read and is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee now under appointment is reappointed with the exception of Augustine Jones, released at his own request. George R. Barton is appointed on the Committee in his place.

Report of the Committee on Education to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England;

The Committee on Education report that though there has been little definite work done under the auspices of this Committee during the year, yet there are many evidences that a gradual progress in education is being made. The schools of the Yearly Meeting have been in a more prosperous condition, and advantages are now

offered our young Friends, which have been possible in no other period of the Society's history, and such as are not easily found elsewhere. It is apparent that many of our members do not realize how important it is that their children should have the advantages of development and training which our own schools offer. Many families situated where only meagre privileges of education are possible, do not avail themselves of the opportunities of securing for their children the culture, the broadening and refining influences which every Friends child should receive.

Our fathers, at great sacrifices and cost, labored to secure for their children and children their unborn, the possibilities of wider and truer education than the State has ever offered. The schools they founded have increased their means of usefulness, while the need for such a training as these schools offer is more than ever apparent and yet our young members are being educated by those who are not able to give them broad views of life, or to fire their hearts with noble purposes, or to fit them for active service, in any such measure as is done in our own schools.

Our Society has nobly stood for individuality and personal responsibility, and with us the church work and religious service are not delegated to any class but are the duty of all; but to maintain this high position our members must have the best possible training and

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development. And we must all be aware that secular learning is not enough, that early in life the soul must be filled with its responsibility to its Maker, and must be turned to the Divine Teacher, for a fuller knowledge of the Way of Life. It is our duty to see that our members are being given the highest and fullest education which is possible in this age of the world and if we neglect this and rest satisfied with the partial teaching of any teacher who happens to be near and who is inexpensive, we shall see such a course followed by degeneration throughout the Society. This day and our present condition demand schools which are the nurseries of truth, and teachers who can stir the highest impulse of mind and soul in our youth.

On behalf of the Committee,
Rufus M. Jones.

Financial Report

Financial Report.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Receipts.

To balance from last year	$ 20.39
Sixth Mo., 1893 Cash from the Monthly Meetings	21.06
Total	$ 41.45

On behalf of the Committee,
Augustine Jones,
Chairman.

Epistle from [illegible] read.

18. Read, to our edification, the joint epistle from New York Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] committee correspondence.

19. Men's Committee on Correspondence.
William A. Pinkham. John Elwood [illegible].
Rufus M. Jones. George C. Herbert.

Robert P. Gifford, Henry Swift.
George L. Crosman, Henry H. Goddard,
A. G. Aydelott, James M. Estes,
Jesse McPherson, Frank E. Jones,
John G. Taylor, Henry F. Newell,
Samuel Buffum,

Adjourned. 20. Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow at 10 A.M.

Assembled. Seventh-day Morning, Sixth Month 10 h.
21. The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

Statistics of Ministers and Elders reported statistics of membership. 22. This Meeting directs that in future Monthly and Quarterly Meetings shall report statistics of Ministers and Elders in connection with statistics of membership.

Epistles from Wilmington and Ohio Yearly Meetings read. 23. Read the joint epistles from Wilmington and Ohio Yearly Meetings.

Report of Committee on Gospel Work. 24. The Report of the Committee on Gospel Work was [illegible], accepted, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Gospel Work for the Year ending Sixth Month, 1st, 1893.

Dear Friends,— Once more in the providence of God we come before the Yearly Meeting with the report of the Evangelistic work the past year.

As grace and strength have been given, we have zealously labored to carry forward the work laid upon us by the Church. It has been a year of earnest labor with [illegible] and with our workers and as we bring the results thereof, we would ask all to join with us in returning unto the Lord of the harvest all the glory.

We find the Church is feeling more

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and more that her great mission is to preach the Gospel to every creature, and to see that those who accept the Saviour are fed with food convenient for them. Several of our Ministers and many of the Gospel workers have labored faithfully, and with great zeal, some of them have made many sacrifices in preaching the Gospel, and have devoted themselves entirely to it.

We would be glad if more of our Sisters would devote themselves entirely to the Ministry of the Word.

Nearly all the reports that come to us are of an encouraging character; most of our Meetings are destitute of any systematic plan for doing Pastoral work, yet with all the seeming unfaithfulness and neglect, nonattendance at Meetings, inactivity in work, silence as to prayer and testimony, want of system in nurturing the flock, — there is the most encouraging evidence that the Lord is richly blessing all the means that has been employed for Him, and the life of many of our Meetings and the activity of the membership is increasing. God is raising up Ministers and workers. Old men are dreaming dreams, young men are [illegible], and sons and daughters are revealing Jesus.

Our Committee has held two meetings and we have felt the work now requires the greatest wisdom, with a firm and steady exercise of faith, courage and [illegible], with much prayer and [illegible] upon God.

We were knit together in love and [illegible] much favored to see eye to eye in this important work. The several

Meetings passed before us in review, many of them wanting revivals and others needing them. We dwelt upon such as seemed to need the most attention; with some there were emergencies that required attention and had to be daily watched and provided for. We began our work with the hope of reaching every meeting with a revival; but we could not do it for want of means. All our Quarterly Meetings have had some work done; and in some of them all their Meetings have had help, and many of them have had revivals.

The results of the work would somewhat exceed the following aggregate as a few of the meetings are not reported:—

Number of series of meetings	24
" " meetings in these series	[illegible]
" " " visits	53
" " Bible readings	42
" " children's meetings	16
" " family visits	492
" " professed conversions	613
" " " renewals	168
" " " " and conversions	778
" " requests for membership	163
" " Y. P. S. C. E. organized	3
With a membership of more than	[illegible]

Two Mission Sabbath Schools have been organized, with about one hundred members. In many of these meetings [illegible] full consecration [illegible], with the definite purpose and desire that he might accomplish in them His own will, even in their sanctification. We think there is assuring evidence that a considerable number came into possession of this blessing and that with many others,

vows were taken and renewed, faith strengthened, and the standard of life raised in the meetings.
The General Superintendent has devoted to this work, the past year, two hundred and fifty-nine days in holding revivals, and lending a helping hand to others in the work, visiting Meetings and looking after their needs, and rendering such other assistance as would conserve the interests of the Church. He has attended about four hundred services, has paid out for railroad and incidental expenses, for himself and others, $132.79. Has used and expended from the treasury, from Monthly Meetings, and all other sources, $723.73.

As to the evangelistic strength of the Yearly Meeting, we would say there is a vast reserve power in our limits unexpended,—latent forces which might be brought into action. If provisions were made to sustain all our efficient workers as long as they could be effectively used there might not only be during the Winter a revival in each Meeting, but we could go to a large number of places away from our Meetings, but within their influence, and from whence is coming the cry for help, and gather into the fold hundreds of perishing souls by which new meetings might be formed every year.

We wish to acknowledge the uniform kindness with which we have been met by all that we have in any way been associated with, and the unity and sweetness of spirit that has been manifested by all the

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents, Committee and workers.

We commit our joint in prayer that the Lord's blessing may continue with the work, and that the Church "may be filled with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost"

David J. Douglas,
General Superintendent.

This very interesting report was satisfactory to the Meeting. We have also been deeply interested in the supplementary explanations by our General Superintendent. We feel thankful for the faithful and arduous labors of our Committee, and the important concerns entrusted to the same Committee the ensuing year.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 2.40 this afternoon.

Seventh day Afternoon

Met pursuant to adjournment.

20. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, which is very satisfactory, and we appreciate their labors; and while the Committee have lost one of its able advocates and supporters, we have remembered the words, "Let the Lord bless the workers but carry on the work". We commend the subject to the continued care of the Committee, who are reappointed, with the addition of Gertrude A. Cartland and Eugene Jones.

[illegible] of Com. [illegible] Peace continued.

Committee on Peace.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The decease of our dear Friend, Thomas Chase (late Chairman of our Committee) causes much sadness at our loss, and the loss which the cause of peace has thus sustained. He had been a deep student of the sorrows and the progress of mankind, and looked forward with the fulness of faith to the ultimate triumph of the Prince of Peace. His earnest labors to that end, and the noble Christian sentiments expressed in his writings and public addresses may will be remembered and cherished by the living.

The active work of the Committee during the year has principally devolved upon our Friend, Hannah J. Bailey, of the Committee on Lectures, by whose solicitation ten lectures have been given by Dr. Trueblood, ten lectures by John M. Hanson, of South Dakota, and the same number by his wife, Alice M. Hanson; two addresses by Susan S. Fessenden, of Boston, and two by Mary E. Gleason of Roslindale, Mass. Also some public meetings in the interest of the cause have been held, at which several persons took part in the exercises, and peace literature was distributed. All these have been approved by the Committee and most of the money given was thus expended. By advice of the Committee several sermons have been preached on this part of the Gospel. Dr. Trueblood has given his excellent and instructive addresses on "The Military Condition of Europe" at Oak Grove Seminary

and at Providence School.

One of the Senior scholars at Oak Grove prepared a very good essay on peace, and rendered it as a part of the graduation exercises. A letter received by one of the Committee from a senior at Providence gives us assurance that Dr. Trueblood's address was just suited for fixing and confirming the peace principles which are well taught at that Institution.

There has been some diligence (especially in Maine) in distributing leaflets among the children and in increasing the circulation of the "Angel of Peace", and also of the "Pacific Banner" and the "Acorn".

It would be well if the "American Advocate of Peace" were taken more extensively (an excellent monthly published in Boston by the American Peace Society). Through its pages one can keep well informed of the progress of peace and arbitration among the nations.

The subject is discussed in a broad spirit and attractive style, which makes it a useful paper to hand out to a thinking neighbor.

The "Christian Arbitrator and Messenger of Peace", published by the Peace Association of Friends, deserves better support. Our Friends who are laboring to make this organization with its publications and effective means for spreading peace principles, are entitled to our cordial sympathy and financial aid. A conference called by the Peace Association was held last autumn at Indianapolis to attend which, we appointed some Friends;

not members of the Committee, and gave them certificates to act in our behalf. These delegates will report directly to the Yearly Meeting at this time.

An International Peace Congress is to be held at Chicago in Eighth Month next, at which we trust that our religious society will be well represented in numbers. Some of them have already received appointments as delegates by other Peace Organizations, and some are among those who are laboring most to promote the interest of the Congress, and to make it a success in forwarding a cause of so much value to the world.

The humane and Christian plan of settling national difficulties by peaceful arbitration is gaining a firmer place year by year. The noblest minds among statesmen are giving the subject the attention which it demands. The confidence that whatever decision the Behring Sea Court may make, the same will be accepted as just and honorable, is the proof of advancing light among the people.

Although our radical testimony against all wars and fightings is very far from popular, it seems to be no time for us to step down from a position in which a Kind Providence has placed us for a good purpose. A peace-loving and peace-fostering life is still fruitful for good.

On behalf of the Committee,

Samuel Buffum Secretary.

26. The report of the Treasurer in account with the Yearly Meeting's Committee on

Peace is as follows:-

Samuel R. Buffington, Treasurer, in account with The Yearly Meeting Committee on Peace.

1892. Receipts.

6th Mo.	For balance from last year's account	$ [illegible]
" " 20	For amount received from Augustine Jones Chairman of Committee on Education	8.00
	For amount received from Monthly Meetings	7[illegible].23
	For amount received from individual contributions	13.50
9/17/92		$ 97.87

Expenditures

9th, Mo. 6	By amount paid Hannah J. Bailey on account lecture Committee	$ 75.00
6th, Mo. 10	By balance on hand	22.87
		$ 97.87

Samuel R. Buffington Treasurer.

Portland, Sixth Month 10th 1893.
Approved by Hannah J. Bailey and Thomas Wood, Sixth Month 10th 1893.

Committee [illegible] Chicago

27. We appoint our friends Olney F. Meader, John H. Crosman, Charles A. Chase, Benjamin F. Trueblood, Eliza P. Pierce, Susan F. Thompson, Hannah J. Bailey, Myra E. [illegible] to nominate a committee to serve as delegates to the Peace Conference in Chicago, to be held from the [illegible] to the 20th of Eighth Month next.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions

28. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report which has been read and accepted. It is as follows:-

Report of the Eli and Sybil Jones Mission.

To the Yearly Committee:-

The Committee on Foreign Missions present to the Yearly Meeting the following report of the work at Ramallah:

Huldah H. Leighton Superintendent of the Mission, writes:-

Again we acknowledge, with heart-felt thankfulness, the goodness of our heavenly Father in maintaining and prospering the work of this Mission another year.

The Monthly Meeting has just entered upon its fourth year's existence. Its progress has been slow, but we believe sure and permanent. The names of nine new members have been recorded during the last twelve months, three by request and six by birth. The Sabbath morning meetings hold their own, and sometimes the meeting room has been as full as was practicable for the comfort of those who were present. Occasionally, owing to the dampness of the room, we have had all the services at the Mission house, occupying the kitchen, dining-room, passage, and schoolroom.

The treasury of the Monthly Meeting contains two hundred and forty-francs, about forty-eight dollars, which is still sacredly kept to assist the dear Friends of New England in building a new meeting-house when they are ready. The people seem to take much pleasure in giving of their small means and will also be glad to work with their hands when there is a prospect of having

a more suitable place of worship of their own.

The interesting Sabbath School continues to be one of the brightest and most profitable hours of the week. During the past year the average attendance has been seventy. As yet, ours is the only school of the kind in all Palestine so far as we know. Owing to the disturbances among some of the families in the village, we find our mid-week meetings have been somewhat affected. Some who have been in the habit of attending constantly have been induced by their friends to stay away. They know that we, as a Society do not approve of fighting or injuring each other in any way, but instead we seek to obey the command to "love our enemies", and we are glad to be able to state that many of our native members have remained faithful, and are constant attenders at all our services.

The Mothers Meetings have been held quite regularly and there has been a marked improvement in the looks and manners of the women. Many have learned to read their Bibles with more readiness and better understanding. There is some diffuculty in persuading the women of one part of the village to attend the meetings in the other part owing to the custom of the people residing in different quarters of the village, each family or tribe by itself. There is a very striking difference between the different quarters of the village of Ramallah, that nearest the Mission being the highest in every respect.

Missions continued.

Among interesting and helpful society called the "Peace Makers" has been commenced among the Training Home girls, and they hold meetings every week. One Sabbath morning a sad quarrel and throwing of stones occured among the Greeks and Latins, while the little "Peace Makers" [illegible] was in progress, and the thought came, why should there not be a similar meeting for the adults. It was accordingly arranged for, with the object of promoting peace in hearts, homes, village and country. The work was started with twelve true and interested members, and we ask the prayers of Friends for its success.

Some new duties have been added this year to the work of the Training Home girls, such as washing clothes and aiding more in the making of their bread. The older girls, after their Scripture lessons, were given practice in teaching in their own language by taking charge of the five youngest children. The children are never idle; when not busy with their regular studies, they knit stockings or make needlework lace.

Instead of talking one day only in English, as they did last year, they now speak in our language four afternoons each week, and consequently each child can speak broken sentences. They seem very fond of learning English. In the study of the Bible, also, considerable progress has been made.

The Boy's Day School has been small this year owing to the interference of the Greek priests; besides many of their fathers have built new rooms and the women and children not only aided in the building but were often made to do the most difficult part of the

work.

One boy, the son of a native Friend, who was very anxious to obtain an education, was taken into the Training Home as a day scholar until some provision could be made for him to enter another school.

The Girl's Day School was never before quite so prosperous as it has been during the past six months. A new teacher from Beyrout, of five years experience, was obtained for this school, and under new instruction the children have made grand improvement. Through the influence of this school and the Mother's Meeting, the whole Greek quarter of the village has improved in many ways. Unfortunately we learn that three of the older girls (the eldest is only ten years old) are to be married soon. This unnatural custom of early marriages cause constant changes in the day schools, and we are earnestly endeavoring to prevent them as far as possible.

One day there came to the Mission a delegation of several of the oldest inhabitants of Jiffneh, a village two hours north of Ramallah, to petition us to open a day school for girls in that place. The place was visited, suitable rooms obtained, an excellent teacher engaged, and work was begun among the women and children, the first week in the year. About thirty women came to the Mothers' Meetings and thirteen girls are regular attendants of the school. Our teacher, Karma [illegible] by name, holds regular meetings each Sabbath for women and children; the school has been visited and found to be doing well. We ask the prayers of Friends for this good work. Our kind Friends of

Report of Comitee continued.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting have taken much interest in this school and have forwarded the amount needful to defray its expenses for a year, no small part of the money being raised by two little children who have thus early sought to help other little children in a far-away country.

Urgent petitions have come to us to open girls schools in Beer-Jait and Tairibeh. This will gladly be done as soon as the necessary means are provided. The Medical Department has been carried on as usual, but good health has prevailed to an unusual degree, with no cholera, and consequently no quarantine. Thirty-six villages have been visited by our physicians, and one hundred and sixty days spent with patients at the dispensary. Three thousand two hundred and fifty prescriptions were made up and eighty three surgical operations performed. The income from the medical visits was one hundred and eighty dollars, and from the Dispensary one hundred and eight dollars.

The time for which our Dispensary building was hired has nearly expired, and it is more and more difficult to hire rooms. We hope the time may soon come when we may have sufficient means to erect the much-needed buildings where all can be accommodated.

At Christmas time the exercises were much as usual, with the addition of a Santa Claus, with whom many of the children of this land were previously unacquainted. A magic lantern exhibition also gave much pleasure to the children and adults.

In Third Month an all day examination was held at the meeting-house where the children did great credit to themselves and their teachers. The house was well filled in the evening with a curious mixture of people who listened attentively to a carefully prepared program which was creditably gone through with to the delight of all present.

The vineyard yield this year was as good as usual and supplied the Mission family with grapes until late in the Tenth Month. Owing to the heavy rains we shall be obliged to let it rest the coming year without the usual plowing, but we trust it will yield as good supply as before.

We purchased some land, in the Ninth Month, for building purposes, and now it is enclosed with the Mission grounds, and is bearing a good crop of barley for the old Mission horse Nimmer.

We have been cheered and encouraged by a visit from our friends Anna Sutton and Elizabeth Brown of New York, G.M., and by visits or calls of missionaries of this and other lands as they passed on their way through Palestine.

Through the kind efforts of Thomas and Isabel Barrows, who visited us last year, some of our English Friends have sent to the Mission a large and useful writing desk which will be most convenient and helpful. We gratefully acknowledge this proof of kindly thought and true "friendliness".

As we look over the past year our hearts overflow with gratitude for the blessings which have been showered upon the work and the workers.

We thank our kind Father in heaven

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions Continued.

for the many friends He has raised up in aid of the Mission. To those who have made sacrifices for the sake of "the least of these", we wish we could express our gratitude to God for the help thus given.

To all who have by their prayers, or in other ways, been co-workers with God in this work, we bid you God speed, for surely the blessing of the Most High rests upon this work of His own right hand planting.

On behalf of the Committee,
Susan T. Thompson,
Secretary.

This report brings freshly to view the important field of labor where the little seed of the Gospel, planted many years ago, has grown into a goodly plant which is being carefully nurtured by diligent and faithful laborers who have gone from our midst. We extend to them a word of cheer and earnestly desire their encouragement in this good work, on which the blessing of the Lord so evidently rests. The same Committee who served the Meeting last year, are reappointed to that service the ensuing year with the addition of Augustine Jones.

Treasurer's Report.

Committee on Foreign Missions of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends in account with William T. Hussey, Treasurer.

Condensed Report

Received from subscriptions, bequests, and donations		$6,702.01
Disbursements and deposits for "Building Fund"	$6,274.56	
Balance on [illegible]	427.45	
		$6,702.01

Examined the itemized account and vouchers and found correct.

Robert P. Gifford, Auditor

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 1st. 1893.

Report of the Committee on Western Indians.

29. In reporting the Indian work, it is with thankfulness that we can say, the Lord has blessed it throughout the year turning one and another from pagan darkness to the feet of Jesus, to see his marvellous light.

From the report of the Associated Executive Committee, we learn that there are three newly established meetings, making nineteen in all, under the care of Friends in Indian and Oklahoma Territories, with an average attendance of fifty at each on First day morning, making an attendance of about nine hundred and fifty in all. Besides these there are sixteen other places where meetings are held, as Friends in the field are able to attend them. Frequent and pressing requests come from Indians in new places to hold meetings. One Monthly and two Preparative Meetings have been added since our last report, making four Monthly and eleven Preparative Meetings, under the care of Friends, and these, together with Spring River Monthly Meeting in Kansas, have recently been formed into a Quarterly Meeting, called Grand River Quarterly Meeting. This new meeting was held at the Ottawa Meeting house, and we are informed that it was largely attended, and owned and blest by the Head of the Church. Considerable inconvenience and loss to congregations arise from Indians moving about from place to place, so that they often settle

door for a time at a distance from our schools and meetings. But through all the difficulties that attend the work, there has been much blessing, and souls have been won to Christ.

Five have been small seasons of meetings, two of them in Second Month, were attended with many conversions, and forty applications for membership. During the year, one hundred and eighty-three have professed conversion, and one hundred and thirty-seven have been added to the membership, while sixty-five have removed or in other ways ceased to be members.

Three new Sabbath schools have been added, making sixteen in all with four hundred and twenty-five pupils, average attendance. Devotional teachers and officers assist in the care of the schools. Friends in the field have shown much dedication to their work, some of them giving freely of their means, besides their diligent service. The Modoc Meeting and Sabbath school have been largely attended this winter, and an increase of religious interest has been shown. Earnest efforts have been made to induce all the Modocs to abstain from the use of intoxicants which are so freely sold in the border towns of Kansas. Another evidence of fidelity to our Christian instruction has been that some of the Indians when called upon to act as peace officers declined to carry deadly weapons, relying chiefly upon moral force to overawe those whom they were required to arrest. Jeremiah Hubbard, at his own request, was released from the care of the Wyandotte Meeting to engage in evangelistic work.

Ottawa Meeting has grown in numbers and spiritual life. The New Quarterly Meeting was held there last month. The labors of Amos and Charity Davis have been blessed among the Senecas. This meeting has eighty-two members. John and Lucy Winney (Indians) are faithful Elders of this meeting. They visit from house to house, inviting the heathern element to come and hear of Jesus.

Skiatook Meeting and school are still under the care of John and Eliza Watson. The self-sacrifice of these workers, and their readiness to labor on amid many privations, deserve warm commendation.

The decisions declaring all alloters citizens of the United States, and their personal property subject to taxation, has created quite a panic among the wilder tribes, and taken them by surprise, as they understood that the twenty-five years during which the United States is to hold their land in trust, was to be allowed them, to prepare themselves for full citizenship. The present year the officials sought to assess the absentee Shawnees; the consequence was that about one half of them took their effects and fled to the Creek and Cherokee country to avoid taxation, where they still remain. The collection of taxes from the less civilized Indians will work hardship, as they seldom keep any money on hand, and taxes could not be collected without selling their scanty stock, which they could ill afford to lose. Shawneetown Meeting is still under the care of Dr. and Rachel

[illegible] Kirk, who not only have the care of this meeting, but an oversight of all the rest, he being a superintendent of the work. The Iowa Meeting is now under the care of Charles E. Pearson and his wife, who reside near it. The removal of some of the families of Indians from the vicinity has caused the school to be closed for a time, and Lina B. Lunt, who had charge of this school was removed to the Kickapoo station to assist Elizabeth Test in the care and teaching of the children. John F. Mardoc and his wife reside near the Kickapoo station, and the former devotes himself to work among the adult Indians. Elizabeth Test and Lina Lunt are supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, who will report the work of those two stations more fully. We notice in a little paper called the Indian Moccasin that John Winney, a full blood Indian, in company with Jeremiah Hubbard, visited the meeting comprising Shawneetown Monthly Meeting.

We quote a little speech of his [illegible] to the Iowas: "My brothers I come to tell you about the love of Jesus; how he came into the world to save sinners and that he wants to save Indians too; and Jesus save me; keep me all the time; I talk to Jesus, Jesus talk to me, and I want all Indians to give themselves to Jesus, and he will keep them in the right way all the time. When Indian listen what Jesus say, he tell them 'No drink whiskey, no get drunk'. Now I love Iowa Indians and want to meet you all in Haven". The Associated Executive Committee of the various Yearly

Meetings on the continent, have had charge of the Indian work, under the care of Friends, for twenty-four years. The work has prospered far beyond what the most sanguine could have hoped in 1869, and the question naturally arises, What shall we do with these Mission homes, Meeting and School houses, and their thirty-five congregations, and what is our duty to those who are still asking for helpers, when there is no one to tell them whether there be a Christ or no? It seems as if there could be but one answer,— Do all we can to quicken the pulse of New England Yearly Meeting, that she may guard well those children under her care, and not let the work languish for want of means to carry it on.

General Morgan, late Commissioner of Indian affairs, says:—

"There is danger that the Christian people of this country, in the present transition state of the work, will fail to appreciate the importance of distinctively Missionary work for these people, by virtue of which they may be weaned from their superstition and gross errors, and be led to the practical acceptance of the fundamental truths which all thoughtful Christian men regard as essential to their welfare."

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $[illegible]. We recommend that $[illegible] be appropriated. We also ask that the Treasury of our Committee be replenished, not only by a collection in our Yearly Meetings but by efforts made in all our Monthly Meetings, bringing up the amount to $[illegible],000.

Mary E. Faye Secretary

Report of Gen. [illegible]

We have felt a deep interest in this work as presented by the report, and desire that the Committee may be endued with Divine wisdom to meet the many important issues which so frequently arise at this critical period in the history of the race.

The Meeting approves of an appropriation of $525 for the use of the Executive Committee which is referred to the Committee on Finance. The Committee of last year was reappointed to serve the ensuing year.

Committee on Western Indians in account with Samuel Buffum Treasurer.

Receipts

Balance from last year	$5.44
Collections and pledges at Newport	235.68
Received from Monthly Meeting Treasurers	356.75
" " Friend in Providence	10.00
" " Friend in Dover	5.00
" " Worcester Bible School	10.00
" " E. T. Read (Collection in Woonsocket)	20.00
	$642.87

Payments

Paid Jeremiah Hubbard	$22.00
Support of C. W. Goddard	227.12
Associated Executive Committee	75.00
Expense of Delegate	55.00
Aid to Skiatook Mission	100.00
W. F. M. S. Sewing Machine	15.00
Dr. C. S. Kirk	25.00
Robin Hoodwork in Oregon	15.00
Aid of Rickapoo Mission	50.00
Balance on hand	58.75
	$642.87

[illegible] Memorials.

30. The Committee on Memorials reported as follows:—

Your Committee to memorialize the President of the United States in reference to the atrocities committed against the colored people of the south, against the opening

of the Columbian Exposition on the Sabbath, against the licensing of the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday, also, to memorialize Congress upon the same subjects, and the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition against opening the said Exposition on the Sabbath day, report that they have attended to the duties assigned them by sending to the President of the United States the Senate and House of Representatives, and to the Commissioners of the Exposition, respectively, the memorials prepared by this Meeting last year.

Timothy B. Hussey, for Committee.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 10th, 1893.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions Second day morning at 8 o'clock.

Second day morning Sixth Month 12th the meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment in separate sessions.

31. The names of the representatives being called they are represented except Twenty.

32. We are informed that all the Quarterly Meetings have paid or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting their respective quotas of yearly stock.

33. Our beloved friend, Perrin Reynolds in the ministry, with satisfactory credentials from Westtown, Ohio, Meeting endorsed by Purchase Quarterly Meeting, is acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

34. Epistles were then read from our Friends of Kansas, North Carolina, Canada, and Western Yearly Meetings.

Committee on Income of Mosher Fund.

35. The Committee on Income of the Mosher Fund present the following report:-

Report of Committee on Income of the Mosher Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund report that two hundred and ninety-five copies of a work entitled "Making the Most of Life", written by J. R. Miller, have been distributed; some of the recipients of the book have acknowledged its helpfulness; the book has to do particularly with Christian living, and its contents are such as would be helpful to Christians of all denominations; it enforces those principles of the Christian religion which we hold in common with other branches of the Church.

The Yearly Meeting is happy in having had, as a part of itself, two persons, Eli and Sybil Jones, whose lives exhibited, to use the words of our trust, "the principles of the Christian religion as preached and promulgated by the early Friends". Thirty-four additional copies of "Eli and Sybil Jones: Their Life and Work" have been distributed.

"The Haydocks Testimony", published by request of the Christian Arbitration and Peace Society, Philadelphia, presents in a pleasing way the principles of the Society of Friends in regard to peace and slavery. One hundred copies of this book have been distributed.

The Committee subscribed for seventy copies of the "Friends' Review," having in mind members of our Society, who do not live near a meeting, and those who are "shut in" because of delicate health or for other reasons.

One hundred and fifty copies of a new

book, "The Friends: who They Are — What They Have Done", by William Beck have been ordered, but as they are to come from England, they are not yet in the hands of the Committee for distribution.

Alfred H. Jones, Chairman,
Sarah Marble, Secretary.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 8th, 1893.

A. A. Mosher Fund — Treasurer's Report.

Receipts

Balance as per last report	$236.39
From Trustees	500.
From Savings Bank, interest	1.32
	$737.71

Expenditures

For 295 copies	"Making Most of Life"	$221.25
34 "	"Eli and Sybil Jones"	30.60
70 "	"Friends Review"	105.00
7 "	"Thoughts on Holiness"	2.25
7 "	"Memoirs of Edward Scull"	7.00
1 "	"Instruction to Christian Converts"	.33
100 "	"Haydocks Testimonies"	50.00
Express, postage, etc.		20.19
		$436.62
Balance to new account		$301.09

J. E. Paige, Treasurer.

The reports are satisfactory and the same Committee is reappointed to that service the coming year.

Names of the Committee

Alfred H. Jones, Ruth S. Murray,
Esther Jones, Sarah Marble,
J. Elwood Paige, I. Warren Hawkes,
Susan Peckham.

Committee Mosher Fund.

36. The Report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, Henry Camp, and Benjamin F. Knowles Fund have been read as follows and accepted:-

Report The Annual Report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, Henry Camp and Benjamin F. Knowles Funds.

Financial Statement.

George Sturge Fund.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$3.38
Coupons paid Seventh Month 1st 1892	727.50
" " First Month 1st, 1893.	727.50
Interest on Deposits	20.97
	$1,479.35

Expenditures

Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit	$10.00
Assisting students, Fall Term	361.85
" " Spring Term	1,088.15
Balance for new account	19.35
	$1,479.35

Henry Camp Fund

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$68.09
Interest on mortgage for $1,000.	66.50
" " deposit	2.64
	$137.23

Expenditures

Paid Committee on Freedmen Third Month 3d 1893	$50.00
" " " " Fifth Month 26th 1893	80.00
Balance for new account	7.23
	$137.23

B. F. Knowles Fund

Receipts.

Dividend 53 Willimantic Linen Company Eighth Month 1st 1892	$[illegible]
Dividend 54 Willimantic Linen Company 1st 1893	4.50
	$9.00

Expenditures

Paid Freemens Committee Fifth Month 26, 1893	$9.00

On behalf of the Trustees,

Augustine Jones,

J. H. Chace,

Susan T. Thompson

Minute read of Sophronia Reynolds

38. We have read a Minute from Yorktown Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Plymouth Quarterly Meeting in favor of our Friend Sophronia W. Reynolds, an Elder and wife of our dear Friend Perrin Reynolds. Her company has been acceptable to us.

39. The Statistical Accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings, were now read, and are as follows, viz:

	Number of members	Gain by convincement	Gain by birth right	Births	Deaths	Disowned	Removals	Removals	Released	Gain	Loss	Present number
Rhode Island	586	–	–	9	21	2	1	2	3		36	550
Salem	694	–	–	4	14	12	20	14	10	–	14	680
Sandwich	560	–	–	3	13	8	–	10	3	5	–	565
Falmouth	585	–	1	5	12	35	3	24	4	45	1	599
Smithfield	316	–	–	3	4	1		–	2		7	309
Uxbridge	506	–	70	2	6	1	–	39	21	34	70	470
Hoover	190	–	1	2	3	1	–	5	2	–	1	189
Fairfield	527	–	–	11	8	4	5	13	8	–	6	521
Parsonsfield	160	–	1	–	3	1	–	–	6	–	7	152
Total	4393	–	73	39	91	60	39	114	70	84	141	4333

Note.—While the above table shows an apparent loss of 58 members, there is a real gain of 12 members. This is owing to an error of last year in reporting 70 members too many.

40. Statistics of Children

	Number of children between 1 and 2	Number of children between 12 and 21	Number attending any School	Number of children attending Friends' School	Number attending School taught by Friends between 2 and 21.
Rhode Island	49	90	112	14	14
Salem	120	79	95	16	8
Sandwich	86	46	44	17	14
Falmouth	105	51	87	6	5
Smithfield	34	24	25	–	3
Uxbridge	62	33	49	10	9
Hoover	28	18	22	2	2
Fairfield	44	27	36	7	5
Parsonsfield	27	15	21	5	2
Total	655	383	491	77	62

Name of deceased Ministers and Elders [illegible]

41. Monthly Meetings are requested to attach to their tabulated reports of statistics, the names of deceased Ministers and Elders, with their ages in years, so that Quarterly Meetings may forward the same in this connection to the Yearly Meeting for its record in the same manner.
Note. Blanks to be sent down.

[illegible]

42. Request from Boston Monthly Meeting was presented and considered by this Meeting, and we are united in directing the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to pay to the legal representatives of Boston Monthly Meeting, the "Boston Meeting House Funds".

[illegible] from [illegible] Dr. Vite.

43. The following request from Salem Quarterly Meeting, viz:
That the Yearly Meeting take into consideration the subject of making provision for separating the duties of Overseers, and providing for some legal enactment, whereby Monthly Meetings can be incorporated, and Trustees appointed, to hold property and Trust Funds.
In accordance with the above request we appoint Augustine Jones, Olney T. Meader, William Thompson John H. Hall, Isaac Steere, Alfred H. Jones, William P. Tuttle, Joseph E. Briggs, and Silas H. Cartland to unite with a similar committee of women Friends in the consideration of the subject, and they are requested to report to a future sitting of this Meeting.

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44. Bertha Ramsey, in the interest of Polytechnic Institute of Salem, Ore., with a Minute of recommendation from Salem Quarterly Meeting, Oregon visited this meeting and presented the cause of the Institution, and a collection was taken up for the purpose.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at four o'clock this afternoon.

Second Day Afternoon, the 12th inst.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

45. We have at this time the acceptable company of our aged brother, Daniel B. Randall, delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and our brother, Edwin P. Wilson, from the General Conference of the Congregational Churches of Maine.

This fraternal recognition from these Churches we appreciate as a proof of Christian fellowship, a union of heart and purpose in the spread of the same gospel, and it brings nearer the realization of a common brotherhood in Jesus Christ our Lord.

46. David J. Douglas was appointed delegate to bear our fraternal greetings to the next Methodist Conference, and Alfred H. Jones to the Congregational Conference.

47. The Committee on Bible Schools presented the following report, which is accepted:-

Report on Bible Schools.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

We believe Bible School work in the Yearly Meeting is in general condition somewhat better than was reported one year ago. In many places good, flourishing schools are maintained; many report an increased membership; reports from a few show a decrease. Since several schools have reported at this time which did not

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last year, it will be necessary, in making figures for comparison, to include only those reporting in both years. On this basis six Quarterly Meetings show a total increase in membership of two hundred and forty-six, the greatest for any one being ninety-nine in Sandwich, which appears to be due chiefly, though not entirely, to an increase in the New Bedford school. Vassalboro shows a decrease of eleven; Fairfield of sixteen; and Parsonsfield of twenty-three, a total decrease of fifty. This leaves the net increase in the Yearly Meeting of one hundred and ninety-six.

The average attendance in most quarters appears, however, to have decreased. Therefore, in what may be termed "quantitive" work, we cannot claim any advancement over the previous year. As to the quality of our work which is of greater importance, no man can judge. We trust every worker has striven to make that as high as possible.

Regarding the proportion in our school membership of those belonging to our own Society, the lowest percentage appears in Sandwich, it being reported as twenty one percent, or having seventy nine per cent of members who are not Friends. The highest is in Dover which reports seventy-eight per cent of Friends, or only twenty-two per cent of those not Friends. If a low percentage of membership of those who are Friends indicates that we are getting into our schools children from outside, who but ~~are~~ do not otherwise attend Sabbath School, we are doing good work and should feel encouraged. The class of membership seems

to have materially increased during the last year, throughout the Yearly Meeting.

There is also encouragement in the number reported as evidencing conversion during the year, which is ninety six as against fifty-seven for last year. This would seem to justify us in concluding that the quality of our work has been good.

It is noticeable that the variety of children's papers used is larger. Of the lesson helps Colombe's and Friends are most favored. Further facts of interest can be obtained by examination of the Statistical Report which follows.

Statistical Report

Quarterly Assessment	Location of School	Local Superintendents Name and Address	Monthly Meeting	Membership of Schools	Average Attendance
Rhode Island	Portsmouth	John B. Grinnell, Portsmouth, R.I.	Rhode Island	40	27
	Newport	R. C. Witherell, 52 Third St., Newport	Rhode Island	45	30
	East Greenwich	Lydia E. Dunkwater, East Greenwich	E. Greenwich	18	11
	Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner, Fall River	Swansea	106	58
	Hopkinton	Wm. T. Collins, Wood River Junction, R.I.	South Kingston	16	2
	Lower Smithfield	Louisa N. Meader, Saylesville R.I.	Providence	76	60
	Somerset	G. M. Chace, Box 305, Fall River	Swansea	62	31
	Providence	Robert P. Gifford, Providence	Providence	22	15
		Totals		385	244
Salem	Amesbury	Daniel C. Maxfield, Amesbury	Amesbury	56	32
	Boston	Thomas Wood, 3 Gleason St., Dorchester	Boston	50	28
	Clinton Grove	D. R. Chase, East Deering N.H.	Weare	8	6
	East Lynn	Charles E. Bishop, 324 Union St., Lynn	Salem	187	87
	Henniker	Not reported		17	9
	Lawrence	S. Swett, Ayers Village, Mass	Boston	80	69
	Lowell	Charles Kelley, Room 2 P.O. Block Lowell	Boston	7	9
	Lynn	George C. Herbert, Lynn, Mass	Salem	135	86
	North Weare	Harriet N. Jones, North Weare, N.H.	Weare	60	20
	Salem	George H. Jones, Highland Annex Salem	Salem	25	17
	South Pittsfield	J. N. Peaslee South Pittsfield N.H.	Amesbury	38	25
	West Epping	Moses O. Nichols, West Epping N.H.	Amesbury	12	10
		Totals		648	398
	Acushnet	Adelaide V. Wilbur, Aushnet Mass	New Bedford	15	10
	Allen's Neck	Henry A. Allen, Dartmouth, Mass	Dartmouth	103	58
	Central Village	Lydia Gifford, Adamsville, R.I.	Westport	42	30
	E. Mattapoisett	Joshua L. Macomber, East Mattapoisett	New Bedford	28	20
	Long Plain	Richard Davis, Long Plain, Mass	New Bedford	25	13
	New Bedford	Nat. W. Gifford, 214 Lr. Water New Bedford	New Bedford	194	104
	Smiths Neck	E. L. Pierce, South Dartmouth, Mass	Pawtuxet	53	33
		Totals		460	268

No. of Friends	No. of Officers	No. Continuing Officers from Last Year	Is Business Attended to Promptly?	Are Minutes Kept Up to Date?	Volumes in Library	Books Added During Year	Persons Helped During Year	Papers Taken	Number of Papers Distributed	Number of Families Reached	Number of Children Reached	Observance of Children's Days	Number of Attendants
35	7	—	No	No	200	0	1	S.V.	—	4	0	No	12
13	5	0	As usual	No	450	0	3	O, Ow	320	4	0	No	12
8	2	0	Slightly	No	120	0	2, 4	Ff	36	—	—	No	12
7	10	—	—	Not regular	308	11	1, 2, 5	S.O.C.P.B	2650	4	—	No	12
10	1	0	—	No	100	0	1	—	—	Few	Few	No	12
13	5	—	Yes	—	117	7	1, 6	O.J.J.	—	—	—	—	12
33	7	4	Yes	No	305	0	2	O.A.2XO.	1300	4	0	No	12
22	2	—	Yes	No	200	0	—	P	—	—	—	No	9
181	39	4			2103	28							
40	5	—	Yes	No	250	12	1, 2	AO RUX	1200	4	0	No	12
47	4	—	Yes (first 20 min.)	Weekly	250	5	1	A.B.	300	4	0	No	12
6	2	—	No	—	100	5	2	None	—	2	0	No	6
31	10	—	Yes	—	256	20	1	A	500	4	—	Yes	12
6	1	—	—	—	—	—						—	—
53	7	2	Same	Quarterly	70	—	2	A.B.S.	620	3	2	No	12
6	1	—	Yes	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	No	12
68	13	0	No	Monthly	241	13	1, 2	B.S.	1170	3	0	Yes	12
13	4	—	—	No	500	—	1, 2, 4	A.O.	—	3	—	No	12
23	25	0	—	No	90	25	1, 2.	O.S.R.X.	250	4	0	No	12
7	4	—	Yes	—	110	0	1	—	—	4	0	No	12
12	2	—	—	No	70	10	7	None	—	4	—	No	12
313	89	2			2522	123							
10	1	—	—	—	200	—	2	S.O.S.RX	250	4	—	No	12
23	10	11	—	—	208	—	1	R.W.	—	12	2	No	12
30	5	8	Yes	No	—	—	1, 2	O.	—	—	—	No	12
5	3	3	Yes	No	5116	0	2	O.S.RX	300	12	12	No	12
20	2	0	—	No	100	3	1, 2,	B.O.J.	360	12	12	No	12
15	16	—	—	No	385	60	None	O.	1200	4	—	No	10
16	6	6	Yes	No	200?	0	6	X	520	4	None	No	12
122	43	31			1939	63							

Statistical Report Continued

Falmouth	Casco	S. A. Hall, Casco, Me.	Windham		14
	Deering	Ellen Winslow, Westbrook, Me.,	Falmouth	40	15
	East Durham	Mahlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.,	Durham	30	24
	Lewiston	D. L. McIntire 207 College St. Lewiston	Lewiston		60
	Portland	Fred C. Dearborn, 44 Winter St., Portland	Falmouth	84	28
	South Durham	Henry M. Snow South Durham	Durham	90	49
	Windham	(Mrs.) L. Maria Jones, Windham Centre	Windham	50	20
		Totals		377	235
Smithfield	Bolton	Alfred Dow, Hudson, Mass.,	Bolton	70	45
	West Mansfield	None appointed	Smithfield	6	4
	North Bridge	Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge Mass.	Uxbridge	18	14
	Worcester	D. M. Babcock, 17 Sudbury St. Worcester	Uxbridge	23	13
	Woonsocket	James S. Read Woonsocket, R.I.	Smithfield	183	84
		Totals		302	160
Vassalboro	Brooks	Omar G. Hussey, Waldo Station, Me.	Unity	40	25
	China	George E. Roberts, China, Me.	China	36	23
	E. Vassalboro	Abbie P. Jenkins Lambs Corner Me.	Vassalboro	40	30
	Maple Grove	J. W. Plummer, Fort Fairfield, Me.	Maple Grove	25	15
	South China	Elwood Jones South China, Me.	China	65	45
	Unity	George W. Varney, Unity, Me.	Unity	25	20
	West China	Albert Pinkham, China Me.	China	20	15
		Totals		251	173
Dover	Dover	Alice R. Estes 36 Silver St. Dover	Dover	25	14
	Gonic	C. J. Pinkham, Gonic, N.H.	Dover	38	24
	Rochester	Anna M. Evans Rochester, N.H.	Dover	22	10
	North Berwick	William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.	Berwick	12	10
		Totals		[illegible]	58
Fairfield	Augusta	Ada Livermore Augusta	Winthrop	20	11
	Hallowell	A. F. Morse Hallowell	Winthrop	20	16
	Manchester	Alfred W. Hankes, Manchester	Winthrop	39	27
	North Fairfield	George B. Wing North Fairfield	Sidney	35	21
	Sidney Centre	Sarah E. Shepherd, Sidney Centre	Sidney	23	19
	St. Albans	Jesse W. Chandler St. Albans	St Albans	33	17
	Winthrop Centre	C. J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre	Winthrop	158	84
	W. Gardiner	Mark Osborne Manchester	Winthrop	20	16
		Totals		348	211
	East Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland, E. Parsonsfield	Parsonsfield	25	25
	North Sandwich	Joseph H. Cartland N. Sandwich, N.H.	No. Sandwich	44	33
		Totals		[illegible]	[illegible]

10	2	0	Same	No	70	2	1, 2	Several	—	4	0	No	12
24	4	1	Same	—	100	10	1	E.O.S.a.a	—	4	0	No	12
16	4	1	Yes	No	118	0	1	O.S.C	100	4	0	No	9
50	10	15	Yes	—	150	25	1	B.R.	300	4	—	Yes	12
61	7	0	Yes	No	240	16	2, 3	None	0	4	0	No	12
45	8	2	Good	Weekly	115	15	1	H.J.O.S.a	1040	4	52	Yes	12
30	4	7	Yes	No	256	11	1	O.U.	48	4	0	Yes	12
236	39	26			1041	79							
37	7	1	Good	No	283	0	1, 2	E.O.S.a	1300	4	0	Yes	12
5	1	0	No		100	3	None	O.d	85	0	0	No	12
4	3	0	No	No	50	0	2	O.S.U.X.	1100	2	2	No	12
14	2	0	Good	No	300	0	2, 7	O.S.U.X	288	4	1	No	12
34	10	0	Yes	No	490	17	1, 2	E.O.S.a	900	4	1	No	12
94	23	1			1323	20							
10	4	2	—	—	50	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	6
21	4	—	No	No	None	—	1, 2	—	—	4	—	No	12
23	4	—	Yes	—	145	—	1, 2	H.L.	850	4	4	No	12
10	3	—	—	—	5	0	1, 2	None	0	4	—	No	12
40	5	3	No	Weekly	150	0	1, 2	Variety	?	4	0	Yes	12
20	3	1	Yes	No	0	0	6	—	—	—	—	—	12
9	2	—	—	No	Large number	0	6	—	—	—	—	No	8
133	25	6											
22	3	—	—	No	143	4	2, 6	A	—	—	—	No	12
22	3	—	No	No	169	53	1	5 kinds	—	4	0	No	12
20	2	—	—	—	—	—	2, 6	O.V	500	1	1	No	12
12	1		—	—	—	—	1, 2, 4	—	—	—		—	12
[illegible]	9				312	57							
6	3	1	Yes	—	—	—	1	O.S.U.X.	100	2	—	...	8
10	3	—	Good	—	52	5	2	B	—	4	—	No	12
17	3	—	Yes	—	—	—	1	6 kinds	916	4	—	—	12
13	3	—	No	—	70	32	1	B	150	4		—	12
[illegible]	3	4	Yes	—	273	0	1	Assorted	—	4	0	No	12
33	4	0	No	No	None	1	2	O.A	—	1	0	No	12
55	11	20	Yes	Weekly	413	100	1, 4	None	—	4	0	No	12
9	2	0	Same	[illegible]	—	0	1	Cooks	936	4	0	No	12
156	32	25			810	137							
25	3	—	Good	No	220	0	1, 2	W.R.U.X.	780	4	2	No	12
25	3	1	No	No	103	0	1	Also	?	0	No	[illegible]	
58	6	1			323	0							

Summary

Quarterly Meetings	No. of Schools Reported	Total Membership	Average Attendance: Number	Average Attendance: Percent of Membership	Friends: Number	Friends: Percent of Membership	No. Evidencing Change of Heart	Teachers' Meeting: Yes	Teachers' Meeting: No	Is Religious Interest Increasing? Yes	Is Religious Interest Increasing? No	Yes	Observance of Children's Day: No
Rhode Island	*8	385	244	63%	181	47%	4	0	8	4	4	0	8
Salem	11	648	398	61%	313	48%	2	3	8	5	6	2	9
Sandwich	7	460	268	57%	122	21%	31	0	7	3	4	0	7
Falmouth	7	377	235	62%	236	63%	26	1	6	4	3	3	4
Smithfield	5	302	160	53%	94	31%	1	0	5	1	4	[illegible]	4
Vassalboro	+7	251	173	68%	133	53%	6	1	6	2	5	[illegible]	6
Dover	4	97	58	60%	76	78%	—	0	4	0	4	[illegible]	4
Fairfield	8	348	211	61%	156	45%	25	1	7	4	4	[illegible]	8
Parsonsfield	2	69	58	84%	50	72%	1	0	2	0	2	0	2
Totals	59	2937	1805	61½%	1361	46%	96	6	53	23	36	[illegible]	52

* Providence Boarding-School not included
+ Oak Grove School not included.

Lesson Helps Used

1. Peloubet 2. Friends. 3 Pilgrim (Congregational) 4. S. S. Times 5. S. S. Times (Vincent) 6. Cook. 7. Berean.

Papers Used

A. Angel of Peace. M. Little Gem. U. Young Crusader.
B. Child's Hour. L. Little Weekly. W. Young Peoples Weekly.
C. Child's Paper. M. Mayflower. A. Youth's Friends.
D. Day Spring. N. Northern Messenger. Y. Youth's Paper.
E. Everybody's Magazine. O. Olive Leaf. Z. Weekly Welcome
F. Friend's Quarterly. P. Scholars Magazine. a. Well Spring
G. Friend's Review. Q. Sunday Afternoon. b. Words of Life
H. Happy Hours. R. Temperance Banner. c. Good Words
I. Little Christian. S. Temperance Stories. d. Temperance Reading
J. Little Folk-Paper. U. Try Try, Again. e. Weekly Magnet

On the 22d, 23d and 24th of Second Month, we held at Lynn our Yearly Meeting Bible School Conference. Notwithstanding unfavorable weather the attendance was good, nearly all parts of the Yearly Meeting

being represented. On the opening day occurred, perhaps, the severest snowstorm of the winter. This prevented some from attending who had planned to do so, and obliged many from a distance to delay coming until Second Day. In consequence, our programme for the first session was somewhat interfered with, which was a disappointment, since we had arranged to discuss therein topics relating especially to the organization of our work. That for the remaining sessions, however, was, in the main, carried out as planned. During the Conference we were privileged to listen to many very able papers and addresses from workers in our own Society, and all who attended remember with pleasure the addresses from Mr. Cloubet and Miss Harlow. A report of the Conference would not be complete without mention also of the song service of Brotherhood whose sweet singing was in the spirit, and a genuine pleasure and inspiration. We think the Conference was regarded a success in having been of practical benefit to our Bible School workers who attended. It has been understood that some who did not attend would have done so had they "known it was going to be so interesting". We encourage all such to attend the next one.

In the early part of the year the question was considered of what should be regarded as the duties of the Quarterly Meeting Superintendent. The following suggestions received the approval of the Committee:-

Duties of the Quarterly Meeting Superintendent.

1. To visit schools in his district one or more times during the year.

2. To have each school keep a satisfactory record of membership, attendance, etc.

3. To secure prior to the holding of Quarterly Meeting, and to transmit to the meeting, reports from all schools in his district.

4. To be well informed in best methods of Bible School work, and to give such assistance to local superintendents and schools as may seem desired.

5. To see that at least one Quarterly Meeting Conference is held in his Quarterly Meeting during the year (two should be held, if possible); to make necessary arrangements as to time and place for holding Conference, programme, etc; to act subject to approval of the Conference, as its presiding officer.

6. To obtain assistance in any or all work from the two members of the Yearly Meeting's General Committee for the Quarterly Meeting, and from any persons appointed for the purpose by the Monthly Meetings or Conference.

7. In general, to act in conjunction with the Yearly Meeting Superintendent in organizing and promoting the success of Bible School work in the Yearly Meeting.

The plan of organization entered into one year ago seems very satisfactory as a whole.

There has been expended during the year in organizing the Conference and for printing, postage, etc., the sum of $78.95, and there is now in the treasury, as shown by the Treasurer's report, a balance of $146.18. We would not have the balance, however, had we been

given time to spend it. During the year, and until within two or three weeks, our available working fund has been from $50 down to nothing, followed by a period of working on credit until the issuance of our recent circular letter, since which contributions have been received in a manner which has been highly appreciated. This balance, and as much more as will be contributed during the coming year, can be judiciously expended in the good of the cause and in helping some of our smaller schools.

In closing we would acknowledge the goodness and guidance of our Heavenly Father in our work, and our appreciation of the kind and hearty encouragement of our friends who have generously aided in every direction in which they have been called upon to assist. May we enter upon our work of another year with added zeal, which with God's blessing must result in greater success, realizing that we cannot over-estimate the value of conscientious, hard work in the teaching and salvation of the young people and children with whom we labor.

For the Committee,
George L. Gossman,
Yearly Meeting Supt.

This report of the earnest and faithful labors of the Committee has been very interesting. The visible results have been gratifying, but there must always be in this work much that lies hidden from view in the present, but which like precious seed may be germinating in the heart, and will in due season

appear.

We desire the encouragement of the Committee in this important service. Two hundred dollars requested through the envelopes.

Third-day Morning the 13th.

Assembly Friends met in separate sessions according to adjournment.

48. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of society as presented in the answers to the queries. The answers are as follows:-

Summary Answers.

Ans. 1. All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except forty-seven, and some exceptions not enumerated. A large number of these omissions were on account of bad travelling and inclement weather. First-day Meetings are well attended. Midweek meetings are generally small. The hour is nearly observed.

Ans. 2. With little exception love and unity are maintained. Several Quarterly Meetings report some deficiency in the matter of detraction. Care is taken to end differences with some exceptions noted in three Quarterly Meetings.

Ans. 3. Friends are most careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train their families as required by the query. More care is desirable in some instances.

Ans. 4. Most Friends are in the practice of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, individually and collectively, and encouraging their children and others therein. Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is maintained with a

little exception

Ans. 5. Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage with twenty six exceptions, and a few exceptions noted from one Monthly Meeting. With little exception, careful to avoid objectionable amusements and diversions.

Ans. 6. Care is taken in the observance of this query.

Ans. 7 Not wholly clear in military matters and oaths. No case of defrauding the public revenue.

Ans. 8. A few of our Quarterly Meetings report some deficiency in keeping promises and paying debts. Otherwise careful.

Ans. 9. All records are carefully kept with one exception. Some removals without certificates in nearly all the Quarterly Meetings.

Ans. 10. With some exceptions in two Quarterly Meetings, the discipline has been administered in Christian tenderness and impartiality. Not always as timely as would be desirable.

49. It is the judgment of this Meeting that our sub-ordinate Meetings be directed, through their Overseers or a Committee for that purpose, to obtain definitely the number of those Friends who do not read the Holy Scptures daily in their families.

And the clerk is directed to forward the conclusions on this subject to the clerks of the several Quarterly Meetings.

50. The Minute on the State of Society is as follows:-

Minute on the State of Society.

In considering the State of Society we were reminded that an obedience to our Saviour's law of love is a remedy for all defects and a solution for all difficulties regarding discipline.

Loving God supremely we shall be prompted to attend our religious meetings with desire to truly worship and commune with Him. Loving our neighbors as ourselves we shall want to be alive and helpful in sympathy, and to use our Gospel privileges for the service of uplifting and blessing. The principle within will work out for mutual good. Thus actuated, we shall not allow business matters too easily to keep us even from the midweek meetings, which often become seasons of special nearness to the Lord and of closest fellowship one with another in the truth. The fulness of his love gives liberty in prayer and ability to choose right words for encouragement and instruction.

A high standard of morality will be the proper outcome of these principles of truth incorporated in our being. We shall be active and willing to take up cheerfully the common duties of daily life. Consistency and purity in word and action will characterize him who truly waits upon the Lord. A loving Father's design is that our whole body and soul and spirit be preserved blameless. That design should be before our eyes in connection with the habits we acquire, the associations we form, the goods we sell in trade, and the products for which we toil. Our leisure moments and the recreations which seem necessary may all be used so as to give increasing peace and spiritual

strength.

The way we spend the Sabbath morning hours has an important bearing upon our whole lives. With our thought set at that time in the right channel, and stayed upon Divine truth, we shall be in condition to educate others by our word or example into a right appreciation of our spiritual worship.

Desire was expressed that the spirit of brotherly unity, which has been manifest in all the deliberations in the annual gathering, may be carried down to our homes and neighborhoods, and that we may be watchful against anything that may hurt one another's usefulness.

To keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace is a continual duty of love which we owe to our Lord.

If the enemy is successful in getting between a man and his brother, he is not far from getting between the man and God.

The voice of the Good Shepherd may be surely heard by those who will humbly listen, and that Shepherd will lead straight forward and upward in the heavenly race, in a path of blessing, not to ourselves alone but to others.

5. The Report of the Trustees of the Mosher Fund is as follows:-

Report of the Trustees of the Moorhead Fund
To the Yearly Meeting.

Income received during the year $500.00
Paid to Elwood Paige, Treasurer of the Committee, to distribute the income of the Fund $500.00

The Fund is invested as follows:-

One City of Boston Registered 5% Bond	$10 000.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	950.87
Lynn Institution for Savings	2,272.51
	$13,223.38

The year's accumulated interest on the above-named savings bank deposits has not yet been collected.

Given Name.
Olney T. Meader.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 12th, 1893.

52 This Meeting is united in referring the requests from Falmouth and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings in reference to the holding of our Yearly Meeting to the Representatives in attendance of this Meeting.

53 The report of the Auditing Committee is as follows:

Report of the Auditing Committee,
To the Yearly Meeting.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$2,845.83
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	440.00
Salem " "	360.00
Sandwich " "	400.00
Falmouth " "	170.00
Smithfield " "	120.00
Vassalboro " "	110.00
Grove " "	120.00
Fairfield " "	240.00
Parsonsfield " "	40.00
Sales of Books of Discipline	23.00
Dividends and interest	54.24
	$4,653.07

Expenditures

Paid expenses of Yearly Meeting at Newport	$ 459.85
" " " Committee on Location of Meeting House	97.45
Expenses of Friend from the British Provinces	75.00
Expenses of Safe Deposit Box	5.00
Interest	31.81
Printing	396.77
Recording	65.00
On principal (Oak Grove Note)	500.00
Interest on " " "	125.00
(Bal. due on note, Eight Month, 14, 1892. $2,000.00)	
Executive Committee on Western Indians	525.00
Repairs on Yearly Meeting House at Newport	143.77
Expense of two delegates to Wilmington Yearly Meeting	119.91
Expenses of five delegates to Indianapolis Conference	333.45
Indianapolis Conference Assessment	82.10
Incidentals	24.57
Expressage, postage and stationery	22.55
Committee on Freemen	500.00
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	145.84
	$4,653.07

Income of the Boston Meeting House Fund.

Balance last year	$2,144.77
Received for cupons	450.00
" " interest on Savings Bank deposit	91.56
	$2,686.33

Payments.

Rent of Wesleyan Hall	$350.00
Balance on hand	2,336.33
	$2,686.33

We find the accounts correctly kept and properly vouched for.
We recommend that the sum of twenty five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting James H. Chace, Treasurer of the Providence School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs for Treasurer of the Oak Grove Seminary Funds.

By direction of the Committee,
(Signed) Owen Kane.

Portland Sixth Month 12th, 1893.

The report was accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and Samuel R. Buffinton has been appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, James H. Chace, Treasurer of the Providence School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer of the Oak Grove Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the above named sum, on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at four o'clock.

Third Day Afternoon.

54 The following request has been received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, viz:-

"This meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting, that the Quarterly Meeting which is now held at Portland, Me., in the First Month be held at Lewiston, on Seventh day following the last Sixth day in the First Month at 10 A.M., and also the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight be held at Lewiston the day previous at 2 P.M. This Meeting after duly considering the changes asked for, are united in granting the requests."

55. The Committee to whom was referred the request from Salem Quarterly Meeting presented the following report which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish Salem Quarterly Meeting with a copy of said report.

The report is as follows:-

That there is a sufficient law and discipline already provided.

Also that Monthly Meetings have the power to appoint both Overseers and Trustees, and direct the custody of their funds to either.

That all disbursements are to be under the direction of the Monthly Meeting.

We recommend that Overseers recognize that they are servants of the Monthly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,
Augustine Jones,
William Thompson

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 12th, 1893.

56. Report of Minute from the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We have at this time entered into a consideration of the Pastoral Question; it has called forth a full expression of thought, with a wide variety of opinions, but marked with an earnest desire for the essential and permanent welfare and progress of our religious society, under the leading of the Great Shepherd. It has clearly been brought before us that there is a need of greater pastoral care and work, recognizing that it is the office of the church, as Christ's husbandry, to be instrumental in the salvation of souls and in bringing them to a "knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ"

It is the feeling of this Meeting that there is a need of greater personal responsibility on the part of our members, and especially our ministers, elders, and overseers, for the full performance of the great work for which they have been called of God and set apart by the Church.

It is further the sense of the meeting that the cause and work are safe, if those on whom the care should rest shall prove entirely faithful to the great charge, and they are enjoined to a complete submission to the Great Head of the Church for loving and faithful service in caring for the flock.

Rufus M. Jones, Clerk.

57. The Committee entrusted with the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Freedmen of the South presented the following encouraging and satisfactory report which is accepted by the Meeting, and is as

[illegible] follows viz:

Report of the Committee on Freedmen.
To the Yearly Meeting:

Our School at Maryville, Tenn., the past year has been favored to hold on in its work by means of the Yearly Meeting's appropriation, and the substantial sympathy of contributors who made the envelope offerings a little larger. These were supplemented by a timely gift of one hundred dollars to the primary department by a member of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. We are yet unable to get along without the continued help of the Yearly Meeting, and that of loving friends who have so kindly considered our situation the past year.

We desire an appropriation of Five Hundred Dollars ($500), by the Yearly Meeting with the understanding that it will not be called for unless needed. The sale of ten acres of land on the side of our tract farthest from the road in front, secures to our Principal and her family the prospect of a home near the Institution, where for so many years her deep interest and Christian zeal for the good work of spiritual and intellectual training has been exercised. Her Annual Report is presented herewith.

On behalf of the Committee.

Robert P. Gifford Secretary.

[illegible] The same Committee of last year is re-appointed to that service the ensuing year. Five hundred dollars requested through envelopes.

Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, Maryville, Tennessee, for the Year 1892-3.

Number of days taught	188
Number enrolled	219
Per cent of attendance	84.7
Number of boarders in the building	77
Number of teachers in the training class	98
Number graduated in the elementary course	3

The interest manifested in the different departments of the school, by the students throughout the year, has been most encouraging. The exercises of the B. F. Knowles Literary Society showed a marked improvement and appreciation of literary attainment.

Our Sabbath school and meetings for worship have been well attended, the average attendance being about one hundred and thirty.

We have endeavored to conduct the meetings according to the custom of the Society of Friends, causing each member to feel a personal responsibility thereby developing much spiritual interest.

The great need among this people is to help them to help themselves, and in this we have been greatly encouraged by the spiritual and material support of the Yearly Meeting.

L. H. Garner, Principal.

Sixth Month 3d, 1893.

Financial Statement.

Receipts.

Augustine Jones, Trustee of the George Sturge Fund	$1,450.00
Augustine Jones Trustee of the L. C. Camp Fund	3[illegible]
" B. F. Knowles Fund	[illegible]
From the Yearly Meeting appropriation	5[illegible].00
From collection in Womens Yearly Meeting, 1892 Fund.	41.00
From a member of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	100.00
From sales of Real Estate	562.00
Contributions from the Monthly Meetings	203.74
Other donations	1.93
	$2,997.67

Expenditures

Paid L. H. Garner principal on the wages account of last year.	$ 3[illegible]2.00
Paid for repairs on buildings and fence.	262.00
Paid for school expenses the past year	943.67
Paid for aid to students from the George Sturge Fund Fall Term	361.85
Paid for aid to students from the George Sturge Fund Spring Term	1,088.15
	$2,977.67

For the Committee,
Robert P. Gifford, Treasurer.

58. The delegates to the Indianapolis Conference present the following report:-

Report of Delegates to the Indianapolis Conference.

To New England Yearly Meeting:

[illegible] - Of the delegates appointed to attend the General Conference at Indianapolis, Augustine Jones and Ruth S. Murray were unable to attend, and their places were supplied by

Diney T. Meader and Deborah P. Atherton; who had been appointed as alternates.

The delegation thus completed attended every session of the Conference, observing and considering its proceedings, and participating in such ways as truth seemed to require.

From the beginning to the close of the Conference the owning presence of the great Head of the Church was sweetly realized.

One hundred and five delegates were in attendance, representing ten American Yearly Meetings.

The Conference of 1887 having given its attention chiefly to the consideration of Christian doctrine, it was agreed that the present Conference should take up questions in relation to church work.

The following subjects were successively presented by the business committee, and freely discussed:-

The participation of Friends in the Congress of Religions to be held in Chicago.

Our Literature, including our Periodicals.

The Conduct of Meetings for Worship and the Maintenance of the Ministry (this subject embracing the Pastoral Question).

The Collecting and Preservation of Historical Records.

Uniformity of Discipline for the Yearly Meetings of America.

Changing the name of the Society of Friends.

One Board of Foreign Missions for all the Yearly Meetings.

The Duty of our Church to our Cities.

During the animated and often very earnest discussion of these very interesting subjects, brotherly kindness and courtesy prevailed, little or nothing occuring

at anytime which could be said to be at variance with the spirit of true Christian fellowship.

We are united in the belief that the Conference could not fail to promote in a high degree the unity of the Society of Friends, to deepen the sense of its responsibility and its privileges, and to increase its efficiency in the various forms of service.

We submit herewith, as a part of our report, the summary conclusions printed by authority of the Conference.

(Printed conclusions were then read)

Three of the above-mentioned subjects were to be separately presented to the different Yearly Meetings by the delegates viz:-

Our Literature, or a Friends Publishing House, and one Periodical as the organ of the Society.

One Foreign Mission Board for all the Yearly Meetings; and the Collecting and Preservation of Historical Records.

(Signed) William P. Pinkham,
J. Warren Hawkes,
Olney T. Meader,
Deborah P. Atherton.

The report is satisfactory, and the subjects above referred to, viz: Our Literature and One Board of Foreign Missions are referred for consideration to the Representative Meeting; and the subject of the Collecting and Preserving Historical Records is also referred to the Representative Meeting with power to act on our behalf.

Report of the Delegates to Wilmington Yearly Meeting, Ohio.

A large number of the members of the three Quarterly Meetings composing Wilmington Yearly Meeting met in a tent provided

to Wilmington

for the first time on the grounds of Wilmington College, at ten o'clock on the morning of Twelfth Month 20th, 1892. And after a season of devotion, the Yearly Meeting was opened by the appointment of clerks and the reading of the Minute of Indiana Yearly Meeting establishing it.

Delegates were present representing every one of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The sessions of the new Yearly Meeting were generally held with befitting dignity and solemnity; and altogether the opening seemed to be auspicious and under the divine favor and blessing.

David J. Douglas
Phebe S. Aydelott.

Report of committee on

59. The Committee to whom was referred the request from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of last year, found in Minute 35 of the Minutes of 1892, made the following report which is satisfactory to the Meeting, viz:-

The Committee to whom was referred the request from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting respecting the definite recognition and acknowledgement of a greater variety of spiritual gifts than heretofore, are united in judgment that the time has not come for the recommendation of any change in relation to this subject.

On behalf of the Committee,
William P. Pinkham.

60. A report from the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been received and read.

We are glad to read this report from our young people, and rejoice in their thus identifying themselves with the older

friends in the work of the Church endeavoring to promote the coming of Christ's kingdom in the hearts of the people.

The Y. P. S. C. E. would submit to the Yearly Meeting the following report:-

In making this our second annual report we would present it with a deep feeling of gratitude that the prayers in our behalf have truly been answered.

During the year our organizer, Frank E. Jones, has been laboring in the vineyard of the Lord and seven new societies have been organized as follows, viz:-

Hallowell, St. Albans, Sidney, Pittsfield, North Weare, Central Village, and Saylesville, making a total membership of five hundred and seventy seven active members and one hundred and forty seven associate members.

Of those who were not already Friends forty-nine have requested during the year for membership.

Our largest society is at Friend's Boarding School at Providence, consisting of sixty one Active members and thirty three Associate members of whom thirty three are Friends.

A special branch of our work is the Junior Society. We have a society at Lynn with a membership of thirty six, and one at Somerset with a membership of twenty. There is probably no one form of effort that will accomplish more good than this organization among the children.

While a responsibility rests upon each Active member for the growth of the spiritual life of our society, the members of the Prayer meeting and Lookout Committees should be sustained by our prayers and words of sympathy for upon them rests especially the preparation for our

C.P.S.C.E.

prayer-meetings and the seeking of those who are not accustomed to attend places of worship.

If we seek the salvation of these souls, keeping our motto, "For Christ and the Church", ever in view we shall be blessed and our labors rewarded.

May the Lord bless our efforts in this work during the coming year.

George L. Crossman, President
Jennie L. Lothrop, Secretary.

6. The Committee for a New Method of Raising Funds have presented their report which has been considered and the following recommendations, approved, viz:-

The Committee appointed to consider the duties of the Finance Committee, in relation to our present system of raising funds, recommend that the "Plan for Christian Giving" as shown on page 53 of the Minutes of 1892 be adopted with the following amendments, viz:-

The opening paragraph of the section headed "Duties of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance" shall read as follows: "The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance, composed of one man and one woman from each Quarterly Meeting, shall organize by the appointment of one of its members as Financial Secretary. It shall issue as early as the first of Seventh Month of each year a general Circular Letter", etc., and the closing paragraph of same section shall read, "It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep in correspondence with the Clerks and Treasurers of the Monthly Meetings, and also with the Treasurers of the several standing committees who are receiving offerings through the envelopes, and forward to every Monthly Meeting

on the first of the Tenth Month, and Fourth d. Months following the issue of the general Circular Letter, a statement of the financial condition of each object for which funds are desired - with a view that may exist" (In this way Monthly Meetings will receive such information as they need and will be quickened to greater faithfulness in raising money, and promptness in forwarding it to the respective Treasurers)

"We also propose that the Financial Secretary be allowed to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for expenses incurred for stationery, postage, typewriting, etc., in a sum not exceeding $25.00

The Clerks are directed to furnish "slips" containing the plan as revised, for the use of our subordinate meetings.

(c) Plan for Christian Giving.

62. The necessity of system in Christian giving is now generally recognized, and together with the principle of proportionate giving, have their warrant in the words of Scripture: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." (1 Cor. xvi. 2.) "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Lev. xxvii. 32.) "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." (Luke xii. 48.)

We believe there are many among us who may be sharers of blessings not yet known, when quickened by the Gospel teaching. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. ix. 7.)

The Mosaic standard relating to tithes and offerings for the Lord's work was not lost sight of by the early Christian Church, but rather did the ancient system of giving receive a new impulse when brought under the power of that sacrifice which was "the offering of himself once for all."

Duties of Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.

The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance, composed of one man and one woman from each Quarterly Meeting, shall organize by the appointment of one of its members as Financial Secretary. It shall issue, as early as the first of Seventh Month of each year, a general circular letter to our members containing a statement of the several amounts which are necessary to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses (including obligations which may have been assumed), and for the charitable and benevolent objects under its care, these latter amounts having been specified in the annual reports to the Yearly Meeting by the respective committees, and are to be provided for by the free-will offerings of our members.

The Circular Letter shall also embody such other items of interest and advice relating to finance as may have claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting and shall give such directions about the use of the envelope as may seem to be required. It shall contain suitable blanks in which to enter, if desired, an estimate of Monthly and Preparative Meeting expenses with the individual apportionments.

The following form is recommended:—

The amount which ..... Monthly Meeting has directed be raised to meet expenses the ensuing year, including its quota of yearly and quarterly stock is $ ----- -

Quota of the above amount for ---- Preparative Meeting $
Current expenses for ---- Preparative Meeting $
Total - $
Thy proportion of the above amount is about ..... per month
Treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep in correspondence with the clerks and treasurers of the Monthly Meetings, and also with the treasurers of the several standing committees who are receiving offerings through the envelopes, and forward to every Monthly Meeting on the first of the Tenth, First and Fourth Months following the issue of the general Circular Letter, a statement of the financial condition of each object for which funds are desired with any need that may exist. In this way Monthly Meetings will receive such information as they need, and will be quickened to greater faithfulness in raising money, and promptness in forwarding it to the respective treasurers.

2. Duties of Monthly Meetings and their Finance Committee.

In each Monthly Meeting a Committee on Finance, representing each Preparative Meeting within its limits, shall be annually appointed after the official communication is received from the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.

This committee shall assist the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting in the apportionment and collection of all funds required for meeting expenses, and in receiving and forwarding all free-will offerings that may be contributed toward the objects named in the Circular Letter.

When a Monthly Meeting consists of

more than one Executive Meeting the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting shall designate one member of the Finance Committee for each Executive Meeting, to have charge of the receipts and disbursements, who shall report the same monthly to the Executive Meeting of Record, and also to the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting.

The Treasurer shall make an under cover book of entry of those who may be donors, giving each a number, and when members of one family prefer to be indexed under one number, the Treasurer may adapt the record to such choice.

We shall, with the aid of the Finance Committee, number twelve envelopes to monthly offerings from each, writing the order number at the upper left-hand corner; and with the envelopes, each donor shall be given a copy of the Circular Letter after filling in the brown blanks.

To the envelopes return from the donors, the Treasurer shall enter the items in the cash book, stating the number of envelope and manner of monthly disbursement is made, with the respective amounts in the proper columns, and shall forward the totals to the respective Treasurers of committees, having in charge the work for which the money is specially given. These remittances shall be made quarterly or as often as shall best suit the needs of the working committees.

3. Duties of Individual Members.

Each member who is able to do so, is desired to enclose in the envelope monthly contributions toward the item "Meeting Expenses" as apportioned by the Finance committee, but if preferred the amount

may be paid proportionately semi-annually or annually. It is also earnestly entreated to contribute free-will offerings for any or all the objects named in the Circular Letter, as may be consistent with his duty to God as a steward of property entrusted to him, being careful always to give an honest reply to the query, "How much owest thou unto my Lord?"

If the donor has no choice how his offerings shall be appropriated the amount may be placed against the item "General Fund," and the Finance Committee of the Monthly Meeting will distribute it among the objects named as in its judgment seems best.

Contributions from the Monthly Meeting towards Benevolent Objects of the Yearly Meeting

	Gospel Work	Foreign Missions	Western Indians	Freedmen	Bible Schools	Temperance	Education	Peace	Total
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting									
Rhode Island	$11 15	$9.00	—	$3.25	$[illegible]	$15.00	—	—	$[illegible]
Greenwich	—	[illegible]	—	—	—	—	—	—	[illegible]
Swansea	55 75	151.60	$36.30	27.15	23.80	14.10	$3.55	$3.55	[illegible]
Providence	2.00	48.00	51.50	41.50	3.50	[illegible]	—		[illegible]
South Kingston		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salem Quarterly Meeting									
Salem	$55 98	$66.60	$32.45	$8.50	$25.70	$5.05	$1.67	$1.68	$197.78
Amesbury	12.75	2.50	[illegible]	14.50	[illegible]	7.50	—	10.50	71.00
[illegible]	5.25	25.00		[illegible]	[illegible]	3.25	—	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boston	25.00	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	—	[illegible]
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting									
Sandwich, Mass	$7.25	$26.00	$26.00	$15.00	—	—	—	—	$74.25
Dartmouth	4.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
Westport	[illegible]	7.00	20.00	5.00	$5.00	$5.00	—	—	52.00
New Bedford	—	16.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.00
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting									
Falmouth	$44.50	$44.00	$29.95	$5.00	$9.50	$5.00	$3.50	$3.00	$[illegible]
Durham	12.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.00
Windham	8.64	—	—	—	5.38	—	—	—	14.02
Lewiston	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting									
Smithfield	$14.00	$16.00	$15.00	$8.50	$15.00	$6.25	—	$3.00	$77.75
Uxbridge	18.00	125.00	91.00	38.00	10.00	13.00	—	5.00	[illegible]
Bolton	5.00	10.00	—	—	5.54	1.50	—	—	[illegible]
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting									
Vassalboro	$[illegible]	$12.50	—	—	$12.15	—	—	—	$53.87
China	[illegible]	7.21	[illegible]	$1.00	—	—	—	—	32.31
Unity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Noble Grove	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dover Quarterly Meeting									
Dover	$[illegible]	$13.00	$[illegible]	$2.25	$[illegible]	—	—	$3.00	$[illegible]
Berwick	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.00	—	[illegible]	—		[illegible]	39.00
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting									
Sidney		[illegible]		—	$1.50	—	—	—	$6.50
Winthrop	[illegible]		[illegible] 45	$30.00	—	$[illegible].79	$2.50	$15.00	98.74
St. Albans	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting

Sandwich	—	$15.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	$ [illegible]
Parsonsfield	$ 7.25	13.00	—	—	$5.00	—	—	—	25.25
Total	$ 474.34	$642.47	$350.73	$213.74	$157.27	$114.89	$16.22	$70.23	$2,022.91
Reported last year									1,771.90
Increase									$251.01

64. This Meeting is united in appointing one woman Friend from each Quarterly Meeting to serve on the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting, and the women representatives are requested to present to a future session the names of suitable Friends for this service.

65. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read and approved.

66. This Meeting accepts the Charter as amended in the Legislature of Maine in the session of 1892.

67. The request of Sarah T. Holmes, that this Yearly Meeting reconsider its decision in her case of appeal from a decision of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in 1885, is not granted. And the clerk is directed to inform her of our action.

68 The Committee on Temperance presented their report, which was as follows.

Report of the Committee on Temperance.
To the Yearly Meeting:

Although some have not been able to do as much as they wished because of sickness, absence from home, and various circumstances, yet some good service has been done, we trust. We would have done more had our financial resources been greater.

At a special meeting of the Committee at Lynn, the "Temperance Theses" were adopted, and three hundred and fifty copies have been printed and distributed.

Many have labored for individuals and some of the labor we know has been with good results, the credit of which is given to the Lord. Nearly all of our Sabbath Schools take up the "Temperance Lesson" each quarter, and we firmly believe that the most faithful field of service is among the youth. The triple pledge cards also W. C. T. U. pledge cards also W. C. T. U. pledge cards have been distributed with good results.

Most of the women on the Committee are members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and have found there a wider field of service. Several members have given temperance instruction in public schools.

We have not ceased to wield one of the most potent influences in any reform, literature. Three Quarterly Meetings have not made any demands for literature. All orders have been filled promptly. The following have been given out:-

	Pages
Tracts, leaflets, hand bills	15,600
Books	400
Papers, Youths Temperance Stories, "Young Folks" and "Youth's Temperance Banner"	6,480
Picture cards	150
Triple pledge cards	130
W. C. T. U. Pledge cards	50

Total 3 30 cards, 22,480 pages of literature. Two thousand copies of two leaflets on "Social Purity" prepared by Elizabeth T. Larkin, are on hand for distribution.

One from Rhode Island reports that temperance work has been taken up with gospel service, which was much

blessed. At Central Village a class of children meet twice each month for temperance instruction; also they have visited the homes of those who sell liquor to dissuade them from their dreadful practice. Another at New Bedford has inaugurated a Boys Reading Room at which she speaks to the boys on the tobacco habit, temperance and kindred subjects. At Mattapoisett, a monthly temperance meeting has been held. Temperance concerts have been held at Bolton and Lewiston. One reports a Y. P. S. C. E. taking up temperance subjects. Another of our number has addressed a county convention of another denomination at their request, with good success. One has had special service of fighting the liquor power at the ballot box, and arranged for the only no licence meeting of that place. One from Manchester, N. H., has given out 4800 pages of illustrated papers at the State Reform School, besides giving regularly to two public reading rooms, County Jail, City Farm, House of Correction, County Farm, State Reformatory Home for Women, and helped to supply railroad passenger stations. From Superintendent of Lectures report we find fifty lectures and addresses have been given, several temperance sermons preached, and a few public meetings held, of which eleven have been in connection with Quarterly Meetings. One of these lectures, by Margaret B. Ellis, of New Jersey, was given at Oak Grove Seminary. We gratefully note the services of Mary E. Gleason, of Boston, and would quote the following from the commendable report given in the Woonsocket Daily: It was a large meeting that gathered to hear Mary E. Gleason answer the question 'Who is responsible?' And for

an hour an audience of three hundred were held almost shellbound.

Arrangements have been made for William G. Hubbard, of Ohio to address our public meeting at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary H. Robinson,
Secretary.

This report shows that an earnest effort is being made to oppose the great evil of intemperance, and our members are enjoined to act as a unit against the enemy. We desire that all may feel their individual responsibility at home, in daily life, and at the ballot box, always aiming at National Prohibition.

[illegible] Committee of Temperance in account with Alfred H. Hankes, Treas.

Receipts.

From Treasurer of last year	$35.51
The Monthly Meeting	129.67
Total	$165.18

Expenditures

For Lectures, Literature, Printing, etc.	$165.18

Exclusion 69. The concern of this Meeting in relation to an appeal to the Congress of the United States through our New England Senators and Representatives for the repeal of the "Chinese Exclusion Act", so called, is referred for consideration to our next Representative Meeting.

Adjourned to meet in separate session.

Fourth-day Morning, the 14th, inst.

Friends met in separate sessions pursuant to adjournment.

70. The Representatives now in attendance

of the Meeting submitted the names of Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting, filled the vacancies occurring in the Finance Committee, and added to the Committee the name of one woman from each Quarterly Meeting, all of which was approved. The names will appear later.

They further report that "in considering the request from Farmington and Fairfield Quarterly Meeting in reference to holding the Yearly Meeting alternately in Dover and Cortland, they recommend that the Yearly Meeting be held in Dover, R. I., next year, without reference to the future, which was approved.

71. The Meeting authorizes the Representative Meeting to meet for organization during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting, or some Meeting uniting.

72. The Representative Meeting is requested to consider the subject of obtaining Legislative consent to hold one Yearly Meeting in Massachusetts if at any time in the future we may wish to do so.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

73. The Committee in the case of the Friend from the British Province, now deceased, report that the seventy-five dollars appropriated by the Yearly Meeting last year was used in the payment of outstanding bills and the erection of a suitable stone at the head of his grave.

On behalf of the Committee,
Alfred H. Jones.

Portland, Sixth Month 13th, 1893.

74. The Committee on Correspondence have presented a General Epistle to the American Yearly Meetings, which has been read and approved, and the clerk was directed to sign and forward a copy to each of the Yearly Meetings on this continent with which we correspond.

They also produced Epistles to London, Dublin, and to the new Yearly Meeting to be opened in Oregon, which were read and approved. The clerk was directed to sign and forward.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Fourth-day Afternoon.

The Meeting met, pursuant to adjournment, in joint session.

Report of Com. 75. The Committee to propose delegates to attend the Worlds Peace Congress at Chicago, report the following which are satisfactory. They are to have the privilege of naming substitutes if any of them find they cannot attend to the duty assigned them.

The names are as follows:-

Timothy B. Hussey, John H. Crosman, James H. Chace, Lucretia G. Chace, Susan T. Thompson, John Nevolin and Sarah W. Nevolin.

Epistles [illegible] 76. A joint General Epistle to the Yearly Meetings of New York, Ohio, and Wilmington Yearly Meetings, and a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Ramallah, Palestine, were then read and approved, and the Clerks were directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting and forward them to the Meeting addressed.

77. The Committee on Correspondence of Men Friends produced an Epistle to our

Friends in Oregon, which has been read and approved, and the Clerks directed to sign and forward the same to the Meeting addressed.

78. The Committee for that purpose propose the following returning Minute for our Friend, Isaac Sharp.

To Westmonth Monthly Meeting of Friends, Burham Quarterly Meeting, and London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Dear Friends,— Our beloved friend, Isaac Sharp, attended this Meeting with satisfactory credentials from your Meeting. His ministry and loving gospel messages have been comforting and encouraging. His firm yet childlike faith, and the evidences of divine care over him, have been confirming and inspiring to us.

79. The Clerks were also authorized to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend, Fernando C. Cutland, viz:— Fernando C. Cutland attended this Meeting. His company and religious service have been acceptable to us. And similar ones for Perrin Reynolds, William G. Hubbard, Elwood C. Liles, Jesse H. Wilmore, and George C. Hartley.

80 The Clerks were also authorized to sign the following Minute for Lothronia C. Reynolds, viz.:— Lothronia C. Reynolds accompanying her husband, Perrin Reynolds, acceptably attended this Meeting. And a similar one for L. Ella Hartley.

81. The following Committee has been appointed to make all necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings

during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which are now or may be then under appointment, viz:-
Charles M. Jones, David J. Douglas, Samuel R. Buffington, Thomas Wood, Oscar J. Morse, Robert P. Gifford, William T. Hussey, Myra E. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Hannah J. Bailey, Susan Peckham, and Charles Estes.

82. Our Women Friend inform us that they have concurred in all the foregoing actions of the Men's Meeting.

83.
To the Yearly Meeting:
The Committee on Finance recommends that the following appropriations be made from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting:

For Associated Executive Committee on Western Indians	$525.00
For Principal and Interest on Oak Grove notes	600.00
For Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	500.00
	$1,625.00

For the Committee,
Susan T. Thompson, Secretary.
Portland, Sixth Month 14th, 1893

84. This Meeting directed the Clerks to cause an edition of two thousand copies of the Minutes of the Meeting to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions; and we appoint Almira B. Buffum and Rufus M. Jones to assist them in the accomplishment of the work.

85. We extend our hearty thanks to the Pastor and Society of the Second Parish for their kindness in allowing us the use

of their house of worship which has materially added to the comfort and convenience of our Meeting at this time.

The Clerk is directed to sign and furnish them a copy of this Minute.

86. We would thankfully acknowledge the realized presence and goodness of our Heavenly Father, during the various sessions of this Yearly Meeting, enabling us to transact the business that has come before us in Christian love and harmony.

With prayerful desire for the spiritual welfare of one another, we now conclude, proposing to meet in joint session in Newport, R. I., at the appointed time next year if the Lord permit.

Timothy B. Hussey,
Anna G. Wood,
Clerks.

Members of the Representative Meeting.
Samuel B. Buffington, Phebe S. Aydelott, William O. Newhall, Alice W. Maxfield, Susan F. Hoxie, Edward F. Tucker, J. Hacker Hall, Charles M. Jones, Richard Batley, Salome C. Wheeler, William H. Cates, Sarah E. Varney, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Augustine M. Jones, Harriet D. Collins, Charles H. Thorndike, Lydia C. Neal, William Thompson, Anna G. Wood, Myra E. Frye, Lucy R. Goddard, Mary A. Batley, Isaac Steere, Etta S. Cates, Emily S. Weeks, William P. Tuttle, Emeline H. Tuttle, J. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Silas H. Cartland, Charles A. Chace, Louisa N. Meader, D. Wheeler Swift, Joseph E. Briggs, Ruth S. Murray, Olney T. Meader, Robert P. Gifford, Jesse McPherson, Mary C. Hawkes, Lydia

A. Cartland, Sarah J. Swift, Owen Kane, Ezra Hawkes, Daniel C. Mayfield, Benjamin Green, John J. Frye, Eliza P. Pierce, Reuben T. Jones.

Providence Boarding-School Committee.
Timothy B. Hussey, Samuel R. Buffington, James H. Chace, Peter M. Neal, Samuel Buffum, Robert P. Gifford, J. Warren Hawkes, William C. Newhall, Daniel C. Mayfield, Charles T. Chace, Olney T. Meader, Charles Dixson, William H. Varney, Edward T. Tucker, Joshua L. Macomber, John J. Frye, Rachel S. Howland, Ellen E. Buffum, Hannah L. Bailey, Anna G. Hood, Deborah H. Freeman, Sarah F. Tobey, Ellen A. Winslow, Caroline C. Earle, Deborah F. Atherton, Lydia C. Neal, Ruth S. Murray, Alice H. Mayfield, Anna M. Hussey, Elizabeth M. Newhall, Sarah Marble, Susan Peckham, Jessie F. King, F. Caroline Tobey.

Real Estate Committee.
James H. Chace, Samuel R. Buffington, Olney T. Meader, Robert P. Gifford, Charles Dixson.

Committee on Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.
Chairman, Charles M. Bailey.
Secretary, J. Warren Hawkes.
Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs.
Charles M. Bailey, C. Irving Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, William Pinkham, Robert T. Gibson, William H. Douglas, Henry Winslow, John J. Frye, George L. Freeman, Timothy B. Hussey, Frank E. Jones, Alfred H. Greek, Isaac Winslow, J. Warren Hawkes, Elwood P. Bailey, Jesse McPherson, George H. Cates, Rufus M. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Delvin M. Bailey, Myra E. Frye, Ruthanna H. Washburne, S. Jane Cox, Emma S. Briggs, Mary E. Faber, Sarah Marble, Eliza P. Pierce,

Lettie M. Bailey, Elenora S. Woodman, Mary G. Winslow.

Committee on Education.

George A. Barton, Caroline Jones, Deering, Me., Anna F. Hall, Rufus M. Hall, Ruthanna H. Washburne, Myra E. Frye, John Elwood Paige, Phebe W. Sawtelle, Ruth S. Murray, Gertrude W. Cartland, Sarah Marble, Welmot R. Jones.

Committee on Peace.

Chairman, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.
Treasurer, Thomas Wood 2 5 State St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary, Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey, Silas H. Cartland, Sylvester S. Aldrich, Nathaniel W. Gifford, Ellen Bangs, Mary C. Baylies, Samuel R. Buffington, James M. Estes, George H. Farr, Martha E. Hoag, Elizabeth K. Jones, S. Jane Cox, Sarah A. Hill, Caroline Alice Jones, Gertrude W. Cartland.

Sub-Committee on Lectures.
Hannah J. Bailey

Sub-Committee on Literature.
Elizabeth K. Jones, Mary C. Baylies, Martha E. Hoag.

Committee on Temperance.

Joseph H. Atwater, M. Augusta Batley, William Wood, Lucy A. Snow, Mary H. Robinson, Henry H. Goddard, Mary Almy Chase, Joshua L. Macomber, Susan F. Hoxie, Mary C. Baylies, Elshia T. Read, Jennie Allyn, Josiah B. Holder, Elizabeth K. Jones, Stephen C. Meader, Emeline H. Tuttle, Alfred W. Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Leslie O. Meader, Julia A. Kimball.

On behalf of Nominating Committee,
Rufus M. Jones.

Organization of Temperance Committee

Chairman Joseph H. Atwater, 56 Olney St., Providence, R.I.
Secretary Mary H. Robinson, South Durham, Me.
Treasurer Elshia T. Read Woonsocket, R.I.
Supt. of Literature Mary Almy Chase, Box 24 Manchester N.H.
Supt. of Lectures Hannah J. Bailey Winthrop Centre, Me.

Executive Committee

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Joseph H. Atwater, Mary H. Robinson, Elisha T. Read, Susan F. Hoxie, Mary Almy Chase, Emeline H. Tuttle.

Committee on Foreign Missions.

Chairman, Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick Me.
Rec. Secretary, Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.
Cor. Secretary, Charles M. Jones, South Portland, Me.
Treasurer, William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Anna G. Wood, Charles M. Jones, S. Caroline Tobey, Mary Almy Chase, Hannah J. Bailey, Eli Jepson, Harriet R. Collins, William Thompson, Elizabeth K. Jones, Addie F. Chase, Silas H. Cartland, Linwood W. Jones, Alice T. Earle, Clara A. Mumford, Augustine Jones, Ruth S. Murray, Huldah H. Leighton, Robert Gifford, William T. Hussey, Olney T. Meader, Mary W. Jones, Martha E. Hoag, John Henry Crosman, Rufus M. Jones, Ellen K. Buffum, Sarah Marble, Julia A. Remick, Emma S. Briggs, Guilielma C. Wood, Isaac Steere, Nellie M. Hussey, Emma A. Douglas, Mary C. Hawkes,

Committee on Gospel Work.

Chairman, James M. Estes, Vassalboro, Me.
Secretary Harriette R. Collins, Wood River Junction R.I.
Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.
General Superintendent, David J. Douglas, Hallowell, Me.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island: Henry C. Aydelott, 70 Rock St., Fall River, Mass.
Salem: Charles H. Atkins, Ocean St., Lynn, Mass.

Sandwich. William P. Macomber, Fairhaven, Mass.
Falmouth. Henry F. Newell, Brunswick, Me.
Smithfield. Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
Vassalboro. F. E. Jones, China, Me.
Dover. E. H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Fairfield. Lizzie A. Church, Hallowell, Me.
Parsonsfield. Phebe L. Pope, East Parsonsfield, Me.

General Committee

David J. Douglas, Frank E. Jones, Harriettee
W. Collins, James M. Estes, Elizabeth T. Larkin,
Emeline H. Tuttle, Charles H. Atkins,
Joseph E. Briggs, Elizabeth S. H. Wood,
John B. Cartland, Wm. P. Macomber, Phebe
L. Pope, S. Jane Cox, Ruth S. Murray, Henry
F. Newell, Isiah Douglas, Lucy A. Snow,
G. Mahlon Chace, Salome C. Wheeler, Phebe
S. Aydelott, Oscar C. Morse, Jennie E. Reynolds,
Henry C. Aydelott, Phebe W. Sawtelle, Isaac
Winslow, Lizzie A. Church, Wm. P. Pinkham,
Melissa S. Hearborn, John Metcalf,
Harriet M. Philbrick, Arthur M. Hussey.

Committee on Western Indians.
Chairman. William D. Newhall.
Secretary. Myra E. Frye.
Treasurer. Samuel Buffum.

William D. Newhall, Lynn, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, 87 Cook St., Providence, R. I.
Augustine Jones, Friends School, Providence, R. I.
John J. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Henry Winslow, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Asa C. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Anna M. Grove, Seabrook, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Samuel Wheeler.
Elwood W. Jones.
Emma S. Briggs, Winthrop, Centre, Me.
Joseph J. Cartland, Tamworth, N. H.
Elizabeth H. Cobb, East Parsonsfield, Me.

Joseph O. Wood, Boston, Mass.
Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Electa Jane Collins, Great Barrington, Mass.
Exie Estes.
W. Elma Richardson
Lizzie M. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.
Mary W. Collins, Hopkinton, R. I.
Edward T. Tucker, New Bedford, Mass.
Susan H. Meader, Boston, Mass.
Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Sarah J. Swift, Worcester, Mass.
Elisha T. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.
John S. Kimber, Newport, R. I.

Associated Executive Committee.
William O. Newhall, Augustine Jones, Emeline H. Tuttle, Myra E. Frye.

Freedmen's Committee.
Sec. and Treas., Robert P. Gifford.
Cyrus Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Hannah J. Bailey, Gertrude W. Cattland, Anna M. Hussey.

Trustees of the Mosher Fund.
Charles M. Bailey, Olney T. Meader, Owen Hame

Committee on Bible Schools.
George L. Crosman, Lynn Mass., was re-appointed Chairman and Yearly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools for the year ensuing. E. Bryant Paige, 50 Chatham Street, Lynn Mass., Secretary; C. Irving Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Maine, Treasurer. The Quarterly Meetings have reported the following whom they have appointed as Quarterly Meeting Superintendents of Bible Schools, viz:-
Rhode Island, Mary L. Chase, Smithfield.
Salem, William H. Butler, Vassalboro, Sarah Ellen Varney
Sandwich, Sarah H. Taber Hover, Emeline H. Tuttle.
Falmouth, Lewis M. Douglas, Fairfield, Alfred W. Hawkes.

Parsonsfield, Cornelius Turner.

The Committee for that purpose presented the following to constitute the Bible School Committee the ensuing year, whose names are approved by the Meeting and they are appointed to that service, viz.:-

Rhode Island, Thomas J. Batley, Adeline F. Chace,
Salem E. Bryant Paige, Sarah W. Brown.
Sandwich, Joshua L. Macomber, Sarah Tabor,
Falmouth, Lewis M. Douglas, Anna J. Goddard,
Smithfield, Elisha T. Read, Alice M. How,
Vassalboro, J. Albert Jones, Abbie P. Jenkins,
Dover, Clarence F. Pinkham, Emma Jennes,
Fairfield, C. Irving Bailey, Martha B. Osborne,
Parsonsfield, Thomas W. Hoag, Melissa S. Dearborn.

Committee on Finance.

Rhode Island, Samuel R. Buffington,
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Salem, Owen Dame, Anna M. Grove,
Sandwich, John C. Taylor, Susan F. Thompson,
Falmouth, Charles M. Jones, Myra E. Frye,
Smithfield, Isaac Steere, Sarah J. Swift.
Vassalboro, William A. Jones, Emily S. Weeks.
Dover, William P. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum.
Fairfield, Joseph E. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey.
Parsonsfield, Silas H. Cartland, Melissa S. Dearborn.

Financial Secretary.

Phebe S. Aydelott, 70 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.

Yearly Meeting Correspondents.

Joseph Cartland, Newburyport, Mass.
Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.

Epistle to London Yearly Meeting

Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England Held at [illegible] Sixth Month 1893.

To London Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:

You are brought especially near to us in Christian love and fellowship at this time, as our venerable friend Isaac Sharp takes his seat from day to day among us, with hearty interest and sympathy in the various matters that come before us.

We gladly recognize the faithfulness of our Lord in caring for and protecting our aged brother in his wearisome, and sometimes perilous journeyings.

May the lesson of this life of [illegible] and [illegible] service — up to the late evening hour — have its effect upon all who come within its influence.

As loyal citizens of our republic, we cannot fail to partake somewhat of the spirit of our countryman in this Columbian year.

Looking back over the past four centuries, and tracing the unparalleled development of our country and nation — we can only say "what hath God wrought!"

But with it comes the consciousness, that much of this prosperity has been built upon the oppression of the original [illegible] of the soil.

[illegible] in a small degree to make reparation, in efforts for [illegible] and Christianizing of this abused race.

The story of Penn still lives in the tradition of the Indian tribes; and however much they have been the victims of [illegible] and [illegible] they still [illegible] [illegible].

We have encouraging reports from our mission work in various places; and as these claims grow upon us from year to year we feel the need of a more complete consecration of all we have as well as of all we are, to Him — whose are all things, and for the proper use of whose bounty we are accountable.

The cause of Peace and Arbitration has claimed our earnest attention. Thankful for all the progress that has been made in the past — we look through the mist of present naval preparations to a brighter era yet to come.

The claim of Temperance is very strong upon us, and will continue to be, while the State puts into its coffers with one hand the revenue from the unholy traffic in liquors, and with the other takes out vastly more for the support of its alms houses and penal institutions.

We look forward hopefully. Our young people are taking an earnest interest in christian service.

In our annual gathering the gospel has been preached in simplicity, directness, and power. The central theme has been "Jesus Christ the same yesterday to-day and forever". The exhortation has been to an unquestioning belief, an unwavering trust, and a faithful following through evil report and good report.

Our mingling together as brethren of a common faith — has been a strength to us — and we desire that as we return to our separate fields — our work for the Master may be steady — patient — loving — untiring.

With the salutation of christian love, we are your friends.

To Dublin Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:-

A precious sense of Divine overshadowing and protection, has been realized, as we met this year and received the Christian greetings in your epistle over the signature of our beloved friend George Grubb, and those from the lips of our aged brother Isaac Sharp.

"They that go down to the sea in ships that do business in great waters these see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep." "He bringeth them into their desired haven." "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

May we ever remember the strong and clear ministry of these two embassadors for Christ. In coming to Portland this year, we have remembered our beloved poet Whittier, whose accustomed visits to this City in past years afforded to many the opportunity of grasping his hand, but we are blessed with much from his gentle and deep life, that gives our faith a bitter anchorage in the strong rock of Infinite love. His own words of hope and resignation best express the present feelings of our hearts.

"We go to find our lost and mourned for,
Safe in Thy sheltering goodness still,
And all that faith and hope foreshadows,
Made perfect in Thy Holy Will."

With thankfulness to our Heavenly Father we acknowledge his constraining love in our meetings this year, and the power of His grace has been manifested in Divine guidance and teaching.

The consideration of the pastoral question occupied two sessions of our Meeting on Ministry and Oversight with the blessed result of bringing us nearer together in

a clearer understanding of our duties and privileges as followers of our Lord and Master.

We believe that as each individual member prayerfully seeks to do the Lord's will, the great Head of the Church will give wisdom for the right distribution and protection of all service called for by His Holy Spirit.

Reports of our interests in the Home and Foreign Missions and other work showed progress, and fervent prayers attended the going forth of the laborers for the year to come.

We trust that many petitions are offered at the Throne of Grace, in true Christian sympathy with you dear brethren, in whatever peculiar trials you may experience on account of the unsettled policy of your Government.

"May the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus".

With the salutation of love, we are your brethren

To Ram Allah Monthly Meeting.

Our Dear Friends:-

We have received much comfort and encouragement from your loving epistle, and our hearts have been filled with thanksgiving for the Father's blessings to you and the evidences of your spiritual growth. It is a cause of gratitude that you worship the Father in spirit and in truth, and are enabled to maintain a meeting of our religious society in that land, formerly to the Christian world, as the birthplace of prophets and kings and hallowed by the life, death and resurrection of our Divine Master.

It is with much sympathy that we consider your position in the midst of those who are living in darkness, and we realize that you hold a place of great usefulness.

Your faithfulness will be rewarded as the circle of light about you grows larger and your numbers increase. Our interest in the "Chi and Fytil Jones Mission" is constantly increasing, and we rejoice with you as we learn of the blessing which rests on the work. It is gratifying to hear directly from you of its good results and of your appreciation of it. We share with you the desire for the training of the boys in your land, and hope that in the Providence of God, we may be enabled to do this in the near future. We note with much interest your efforts to have a meeting house of your own.

We have been greatly favored by the presence of the Divine spirit during our Yearly Meeting. The important causes to which we are working,

Temperance, Peace, Education, Missions, have been pushed during the year and are steadily advancing.

The work of the Church in the salvation of souls is being carried on with earnestness, followed with gratifying results. In concluding we wish to express to you our interest in all that concerns your spiritual welfare, and our sympathy in your trials and difficulties.

May you always know the presence and guidance of our Heavenly Father, and by the Holy Spirit be comforted and sustained in your daily life. With greetings of love and fellowship we are your friends.

To the Friends of Oregon Yearly Meeting.

Dear Brothers:-

We of the extreme East greet you of the fatherest West in the name of our common Father in whose sight the miles that separate us count as nothing.

We joyfully welcome you, the youngest, into the family of Yearly Meetings, and praise our Heavenly Father that He has so blessed the work of our branch of His Church, that an additional organization is necessary in your part of the field.

It is our prayer for you that you may ever be aggressive in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and firm in adherence to those principles of the Society of Friends, whereby we hold up to the world the exalted standard of a pure spiritual worship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit untrammeled by the outward forms. And that you be ever zealous in guarding and continuing those practices of our Society which have been so honored of God, and have made our name respected by the Nations, and remembered

in history.

For ourselves we may say to the Glory of God that we have been abundantly blessed at this Annual gathering.

Many important subjects have been discussed upon some of which different opinions prevailed, but since all were seeking God's will, not their own, and were willing to be led by His Spirit, no difficulty was experienced in coming to a satisfactory conclusion.

The subjects of Education, Gospel Work, Peace, Foreign Missions, Bible Schools, Indians and Temperance have each been considered. The Committees in charge of these various interests report a large amount of work done with very gratifying results. They have been warmly encouraged to continue their efforts in all these lines in which our members are so universally interested.

Our meeting on Ministry and Oversight has devoted two sessions to the consideration of the Pastoral Question, with the result that all have come to understand each other's views better and to see more of the advantages and dangers connected with the subject.

After this discussion the sentiment prevailed that if Ministers, Elders and Members are all faithful, and fully consecrated to do as the Lord wills, the great Head of the Church will guide us in these matters to the best results.

Under the general business of the Church, the Gospel has been preached with power.

In conclusion, we commend you to that same Great Father who has so blessed us, and is ever ready to bless all who will call upon Him.

General Epistle.

Dear Friends:-

In the opening of our Yearly Meeting one of the indications that the Divine blessing awaited us was the spirit of our living Head in all of the epistles from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The oneness of purpose and clearness of vision concerning the things of the Kingdom disclosed in these messages of love confirm our hope and inspire our faith in the future of the organized Church. Another was the fullness and thorough apostolic character of the ministry of those who have come among us as the recognized servants of the Lord. The boldness and directness with which the fundamental truths of the Gospel have been presented have reassured us. We have seen that the banner we are to display because of the truth, has for its defence a Hand mightier than our own. The theories by which men would lead us away from the Divine and the supernatural in the [illegible] of God, fade in the light of facts. In our time men walk as miracles of grace. They stand before us under the power of the Holy Ghost. We are assured that our commission and that the heritage entrusted to us is divine. In all that has come before us we have known the presence and gentle guidance of our Master. The wavering have been confirmed, the disconsolate comforted, and hungry souls have been fed with the bread of life. In all the departments of church work the leading feature of the reports

ve a higher tone of hopefulness. Thoughtful is breathed in greater or less degree an aggressive spirit. A more practical tum is manifest in Bible school work. There is evident progress in sentiment relating to the cause of temperance. The members of our committee on Gospel work, more than ever feel the sympathy of the membership. There are greater numbers and a wider scope for the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. The voice of those who cry for peace is finding a more easy entrance into the ears of men. This brief outlook shows the enterprise in which we with you are engaged goes to strengthen the bond of union between us as co workers with God. May we be baptized by the one spirit into the one body that we may fulfill even trust as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

We are in love

Your friends and brethren.

Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Joint Session at Newport, R.I. Commencing on Sixth-day Sixth Month 8th 1894

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz:-

From Rhode Island- Phebe R. Gifford, Elizabeth S. Newton, Hariette D. Collins, Cynthia J. Earle, Esther Chace, Louisa N. Meader, Phebe S. Aydelott, Charles A. Chase, Harriett A. Shore, Benjamin Greene, Eunice A. Greene, Annie L. Manchester, Obadiah Chace, Ellen K. Buffum, Charles C. Varney, Samuel R. Buffinton, Robert P. Gifford, Charles W. Earle, Augustine Jones, Frank E. Jones, Daniel Meader, Henry C. Aydelott, and Joseph H. Atwater.

From Salem- William O. Newhall, Joshua Buxton, Owen Dame, Mary Newhall, Daniel C. Mayfield, Anna M. Gove, Mary A. Crosman, John Ellwood Paige, Huldah G. Buxton, Ellen M. Osborne, Alice M. Mayfield, Annie K. Knight, George L. Crosman, Thomas Wood, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Joseph G. Smith, Mary J. Buxton, Lucy Ellen Collins, Mary Almy Chase, William F. Vining, Gulielma C. Wood, and John F. Chase.

From Sandwich- Rachel S. Howland, Esther D. Macomber, Elizabeth C. Wing, Mary C. Bayliss, Anna G. Wood, Susan S. Tripp, Abbie H. Cornell, Lydia B. Dillingham, Susan F. Hoxie, Phebe B. Slocum, Hettie F. Potter, Stephen R. Wing, Edward G. Dillingham, N. Hervey Wilbur, Joshua L. Macomber, Edward G. Wood, Gideon Wood, William S. Macomber, John C. Taylor, George C. Akin

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John B. Baylies and Barnabas Holway.
From Falmouth -- Reuben T. Jones, Ezra Hall, John J. Frye, William H. Douglas, Nathan Douglas, George H. Farr, Charles M. Jones, William E. Watson, Henry Partridge, John Newlin, Anna F. Hall, Lucy R. Goddard, S. Jane Cox, Myra E. Frye, Hannah Fickett, Eliza B. Douglas, Lucy A. Snow, Mary H. Robinson, Elizabeth Frye, Sarah W. Newlin, Esther Jones, and Jason Fickett.
From Smithfield - Richard Battey, D. Wheeler Swift, Charles F. Andrews, Isaac Steere, Francis H. Inman, Paul A. Randall, Mary A. Battey, Sarah J. Wheeler, Abigail Wheeler, Abbie W. Randall, Sarah J. Swift, Salome C. Wheeler, Ella L. Andrews, and Avis B. Steere.
From Vassalboro - Alfred H. Jones, William H. Cates, James M. Estes, Linwood W. Jones, Willis C. Hawes, Henry H. Goddard, George H. Pope, Frank H. Jones, William A. Jones, Mary C. Jones, Etta S. Cates, Peace Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Lizzie F. Pope, Elizabeth K. Jones, Anna Jones, and Mary R. Jones.
From Dover - Samuel Buffum, Job Varney, William P. Tuttle, Otis Meader, George Est, George Irving Jenness, Asa C. Tuttle, Lydia E. Sawyer, Emeline H. Tuttle, Alma B. Buffum, Mercy Jenness, Emma Jenness and Lillian Varney.
From Fairfield - Mary Wadsworth Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Lizzie M. Hawkes, Phebe M. Wadsworth, Olive M. Tuttle, Paul Wing, David J. Douglas, Jesse McPherson, Augustus F. Morse, and Joseph E. Briggs.
From Parsonsfield - Lydia A. Cartland, Eunice D. Cartland, Mary L. Cobb, Melissa S. Dearborne, Abby C. Leonard, Julia A. Remick, Otis Meader, Silas H. Cartland, John B. Cartland, Joseph Remick, and Martha E. Hoag.

Five names being called, one hundred and thirty four were present and twenty absent. For the absence of eleven of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

3. We have, at this time, the acceptable company of our friends Fernando C. Cartland, a minister of the Gospel, from New York Yearly Meeting; Noah C. McLean from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Franklin Meredith, and his wife Mary Moon Meredith, from Western Yearly Meeting; Lauretta Pim, a minister, and her husband, Aden Pim, a Christian worker, from Ohio Yearly Meeting, who produced certificates from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them and with their present religious engagements among us.

4. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this meeting from other Yearly Meetings, with returning minutes, if any should pass for it, is referred to the following, viz.:—

Alfred H Jones, Henry C. Aydelott, J Warren Hawkes, Harriette D Collins, Richard Battey, Hannah J. Bailey, Lucy R Goddard, and Mary W. Jones.

5. Epistles have been received from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. We have also received an epistle from Ramallah Monthly Meeting, Palestine.

6. Read at this session epistles from our friends of the Yearly Meetings of London for 1893, and Ireland for 1894, to our edification.

7. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports: Darius Buffington, an Elder and member of the Swansea Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership in our Society at his own request. The time for holding Freelon Preparative Meeting has been changed from the week preceding monthly meeting to two weeks preceding the holding of the sum at the close of the mid-week Meeting for worship as heretofore.
It has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of one associate member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for two years.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary M. Goddard to the station of Elder, and with two of its Monthly Meetings, in the appointment of six associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Annie E. Knight, a minister, has been recieved by certificate from New York to Salem Monthly Meeting.
The time of holding the mid-week Meeting at Salem has been changed to 2.30 P. M.

The time of holding the mid-week Meeting at North Weare, N. H., has been changed to Fifth-day P. M., at 3 o'clock.

The mid-week Meeting of South Weare has been discontinued.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in changing the hour of that Monthly Meeting, when held at Yarmouth, from 10 A. M. to 11 A. M. It has united with Dartmouth Monthly

Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Henry A. Slocum, and also with friends of that Monthly Meeting in holding the same at Allens Neck, in first, fourth, seventh, and tenth months, and at Apponegansett, in second, sixth, ninth, and twelfth months, and at Smiths Neck, in the second, fifth, eighth and eleventh months, at the same hour as heretofore.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George C. Roberts and Flavilla S. Roberts to the station of Elder.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah C. Jones, Eunice H. Shirley, and Abigail L. Paddock, to the station of Elder, and with two Monthly Meetings in the appointment of six associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The hour for holding Sidney Monthly Meeting has been changed from 11 o'clock A.M. to 10 o'clock A.M. the date remaining the same.

8. We appoint Robert P. Lifford, Owen Lane, Edward G. Billingham, S. Jane Cox, Isaac Steere, William H. Bates, Job Varney, Joseph C. Briggs, and John B. Battland, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date, to propose a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also to propose a Friend for

Treasurer of the Boarding School at Providence, and another for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary, Vaseyalboro.

9. We appoint the following a Committee to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present it at a future sitting, viz:- Ellen K. Buffum, Charles H. Earle and others.

10. We appoint the following Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence, viz:- Anna M. Gore, Thomas Wood and others.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Sixth-Day Afternoon, Sixth Month 8th

The meeting convened in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

11. Ezra Hawkes on behalf of the Men Representatives proposed the names of Timothy B. Huxley for Clerk and John Ellwood Paige and Daniel C. Mapfield for Assistant Clerks, whose names separately considered, being approved they are appointed to these services respectfully for the ensuing year.

12. We have at this session the acceptable company of Lindley Spice and Mary J. Weaver in the ministry, from New York Yearly Meeting, who produced certificates from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them and with their present religious services.

13. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence presented their annual report.

We feel very thankful for another successful year at the school, and that its long reputation as an educational institution of high order has been well maintained.

We appoint the following to nominate a Committee to have charge of the institution the coming year, also to nominate a Real Estate Committee, viz.:- Owen Dame, George L. Coleman, and others

Report of the Providence School Committee

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting this, the Seventy-fifth Annual Report of the Boarding School at Providence, the Committee in charge have the satisfaction reiterating the statement of former years, that the School, with its varied interests has, received their careful and prayerful attention, and that it has maintained, as previously, a high standard of efficiency and of moral and intellectual culture, so that the Committee confidently assert that the present year has been a very successful one at the School.

With some slight exception, and the death of one of the scholars, the health of the School has been excellent. The Principal in his communication to the Committee in the Fourth Month stated, that "One of the students, George Sawyer, of Weare, N. H., departed this life, Second Month 19th, 1897, at the age of 16 years, 3 months and 24 days. He bore an excellent character while with us, and his departure left a deep and lasting impression on the entire family. He gave abundant evidence of the change which was expected by him and that 'The peace of God which passeth all understanding, was given to him'.

He seemed fully prepared for the event which awaited him, blessed by an unfaltering trust.

It becomes at this time our sad duty to record the recent death of our beloved and honored associate, Sarah F. Tobey. Her name first appeared as a member of the School Committee in 1838, and her long term of service expired only with her life, and was rendered invaluable by the exercise of a most excellent judgment, an unusual executive ability, and a sweet and calming influence which pervaded her intercourse with every department of the institution, whose interests she had so much at heart, and whose prosperity she labored to promote. Of her it may well be said "She opened her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue was the law of kindness. She stretched out her hand to the poor, yea, she reached forth her hands to the needy. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates." In the full possession of her bodily and mental faculties, she met the pale messenger, serenely passed away beyond the earthly vision of her loving family and friends into the arms of the Saviour, in whom was all her trust, to join, we reverently believe, the hosts of the ransomed and redeemed in Heaven.

"The blessing of her quiet life
Fell on us like the dew;
And good thoughts where her footsteps pressed
Like fairy blossoms grew.
Still let her mild rebuking stand
Between us and the wrong;
And her dear memory serve to make
Our faith in goodness strong."

The improvements at the institution have been constantly advancing.
The placing of a new Mansard roof on the rear building has made possible

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in the old lecture room in the basement, a fine Chemical Laboratory, with the most approved modern equipment, a very important need of the school; it has also secured ten new lodging rooms; given to us the first story of the building for Natural Science, and thus furnishing new class room, which has been much needed for many years. The class rooms have been improved also by modern furniture, adding greatly to the comfort of the pupils and the usefulness of the rooms.

This change in the roof, with the single exception of the roof over the boys' school room, complete new roofs within ten years, overall the buildings of the school, which will continue with very little repairs for many years no doubt.

The subject of taxation of the school has been before the Legislature again this winter and has given us great anxiety, but the law remains for the present unchanged.

A new driveway is being constructed to open on Hope Street. This will give a fine entrance to the school grounds which has been much needed since the opening of Lloyd Avenue and the destruction of the old trees on the School Avenue twenty years ago.

A new arrangement of large parlors in each wing is being made so that students shall not be deprived of the comforts of home life and forced to sit only at school desks in hours of rest and recreation.

Improved heating and ventilation is the next more pending and none was ever more needed after water-tight roofs were constructed.

Moses Brown, in his communication to the Meeting for Sufferings in 1817, in which he offered to donate the land upon which the school stands, said, "Let us proceed in conformity with the Divine mind that we may hope for a blessing." They laid the foundation in faith and sincerity. And we are witnesses how the blessing of Heaven has attended this noble undertaking.

The realization of the magnitude of the cause fills our hearts with gratitude and thanksgiving to Him in whose keeping are all the institutions and causes so dear to us.

The number of scholars for this year has been,—

Boarders	167
Day Students	15
Day Art Students	37
Total	219

Officers of Government and Instruction.

Augustine Jones, A. M. LL. B., Principal and Political Science.
Edward H. Weeks, B. P., Governor, and English Studies and Calisthenics for Boys.
Evelyn Barrows, B. S., Preceptress and English Studies.
Thomas J. Gattey, A. M., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Walter S. Meader, A. M., Higher Mathematics.
H. B. Knox, A. B., Greek and Latin.
Charles E. Jacob, A. B., Modern Languages.
Lizzie A. Wheeler, A. B., English Studies.
Helen A. Thomas, A. B., English Studies.
Abbie D. Cartland, Primary Room.
Eliza D. Gardiner, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen H. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.

John H. Lindsey, A.B., English Studies.
Robert Bonner, Instrumental Music.
Etta A. Corbin, Calisthenics for Girls.
Sidney R. Burleigh, Special in Water Colors.
Zechariah R. Tucker, Special in Mechanical Drawing.
Hannah G. Ryder, Secretary and Bookkeeper.
Bertha F. Tucker, Librarian.

Lecturer

Thomas J. Batty, A.M., Natural Science.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the school term, for all who may be admitted, be $150. Credit to the members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown fund $75; credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25; and a further credit to any member of the New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the Charity Fund of $75. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German of $10; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates shall be made, except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, in other a deduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

William O. Newhall,
Clerk.

Providence, Fifth Month 29th, 1894.

Note.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 12th, 1894, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 6th, 1895.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Seventh Month 31st, 1894.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Seventh Month 31st, 1894.

Applications should be sent to the Principal Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

Statement of Settlement for the School Year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1893.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England

Resources.

Charitable Scholarship Fund		$1,800.00
Elizabeth Frye "	"	1,500.00
General "	"	3,550.00
L. T. Olney "	"	2,837.00
D. J. Tripp "	"	150.00
Day Scholars Tuition		1,684.22
Auxiliary Studies		3,290.32
Board and Tuition		35,421.00
		$51,793.54

Expenditure.

Salary Accounts	$15,778.61
Wages	10,402.74
Provisions	12,113.73
Repairs and Renewals	3,451.11
Improvements	615.45
Fuel	1,684.14
Light	928.46
Water	309.22
Advertising	528.16
Library	238.53
Paper and Periodicals	77.22
Incidentals	270.43

Debts considered bad $666.34
Balance, Profit and Loss
for future Improvements 4,767.45
$51,733.39

Robert P. Gifford,
J. H. Whack,
Samuel R. Buffington, } Auditors
Charles Sisson

14. The Committee on Real Estate presented the following Report, viz.:—

Report of the Real Estate Committee

To the Yearly Meeting:

No sales of land belonging to Boarding School have occurred in the year past, and the Committee have not thought it advisable to incur any expense for improvements on the lots now offered for sale, except to allow the extension of the City Sewers on Hope and Olney Streets.

Robert P. Gifford,
Clerk of the Real Estate Com.

Providence, R. I. Sixth Month 1st. 1894.

The Committee in charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute was presented and read. This meeting records its feeling of gratitude that the institution is making such commendable progress as an educational and spiritual power.

The same committee is reappointed for service the coming year, with the substitution of Eliza B. Douglas in place of William B. Pickham, released at his request.

Report of the Committee in Charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

In reviewing the work of the past school year we thankfully acknowledge the goodness and loving kindness of Him through whose blessing upon human arrangements and labor, the best results can alone be realized. Truly the guiding hand of our Lord has been manifested in directing the affairs of Oak Grove School and for what has been accomplished we give Him thanks.

The new principal, Henry H. Goddard, who entered upon his duties with the beginning of the school year, has proved himself well qualified for the position and has discharged his various duties, including that of religious instructor, to the entire satisfaction of the Committee.

The different departments of school work have been in the charge of efficient teachers who have faithfully performed the duties entrusted to them.

The attendance has been larger than in previous years, numbering one hundred and thirty-six. The health of the family has been excellent, no case of severe illness having occurred either among the boarders or day scholars.

The graduating class numbered twelve, all but one of whom were reported as active Christians.

The public interest in the school and its popularity were clearly indicated by the crowd of visitors who came to listen to the graduating exercises. Hundreds were present and the appearance of the throng in the meeting house, premises and in the grove adjoining was a forcible reminder of the old fashioned Friends Quarterly Meeting.

The essays of the graduating class were both in thought and delivery highly creditable. It was pleasant to think of the

influence for good likely to be exerted by this class of intelligent young Christians as they go out into the world to fill the positions in life for which their literary and religious training in this school have fitted them.

Among the improvements of the past year may be mentioned a new cistern with a capacity of one hundred and fifty hogsheads, a much needed addition to the water supply. We have also thankfully to acknowledge the gift of a fine large seminary bell, presented to the school by our dear friend Elenora Bailey Hoodman.

Since the re-establishment of Oak Grove School the religious training of its pupils has had a prominent place in the thought of the Committee in charge, and in the faithful service of each of its Principals. During the past year this important feature of school work has recieved a large share of attention and with satisfactory results. A Christian minister who recently visited the school expressed his joy at finding that seven eights of the scholars in the boarding department were professed Christians. Meetings for worship have been regularly held on First days and in the middle of the week, in which the pupils have taken a deep interest. We believe that Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute is filling an important place in the educational and religious work of our Society in eastern New England, and that it merits the fostering care of the Yearly Meeting.
Applications for admission to the school should be made to

Henry H. Goddard A. M. Principal
Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey
Institute
Vassalboro
Maine

On behalf of the Committee,
Charles M. Bailey - Chairman
S. Warren Hawkes - Clerk

Newport, Sixth Month 8th, 1894.

Treasurer's Report, Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

1893	Receipts.	$
6th month 1st	By balance from last year	278.35
"	" Board and Tuition	5177.24
"	" Interest on General Funds	737.76
"	" " on Sibyl Jones Fund	50.93
"	" " " Mary Dunton	263.28
"	" " from State Treasurer	400.00
"	" " on Fund	500.00
" 8th	Recieved from State	400.00
"	" Interest due on Coupons	57.50
		$7.861

1893	Expenditure	
7 Month 13th	To cash paid Henry H. Goddard on last years salary	$150.00
"	To Salary account present year	2199.99
"	" Wages	1,003.86
"	" Scholarships	398.00
"	" Repairs and Renewals	636.70
"	" Provisions	1,694.65
"	" Fuel	712.81
"	" Lights	54.64
"	" Incidentals	185.35
"	" Cash paid for Cow	35.00
"	" " " on Foreclosure	103.70
		$7,174.7
	Balance on hand	$ 689.7

We have examined the above accounts with vouchers for money paid out

and found them correct,

George L. Cropman,
Hannah J. Barley,
Auditors.

The committee on education presented their report. We have been deeply interested in the report, and the valuable suggestions contained in it have commended themselves to our judgment.

16. The same committee is continued for service the coming year:—

Report of the Committee on Education
To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England

The Committee on Education has accomplished, during the year, little definite work to report to the Yearly Meeting, but the members of the Committee have in their individual capacities endeavored to promote their interests, while through the instrumentality of other members of the Committee one hundred dollars were raised for the use of the Freedmen's Normal Institute of Maryville, Tenn., a school then under the care of the Yearly meeting.

In the judgment of your Committee, one of the greatest needs of our Yearly Meeting is a more just appreciation of the value of a liberal education, gained not merely from the intellectual standpoint, but acquired under conditions favorable to the nurture of a Christian life, and to those aspects of truth for which Friends have always stood. While there are dangers to be encountered by one who engages in intellectual pursuits, as by one who uses any other power of his being, experience teaches us that ignorance is a hindrance rather than a help to all spiritual and moral progress.

Children should therefore be educated not alone for the money value, which such an education will be to them, but that the power of their minds may thereby more effectively become the hand-maide of their spirits in every good word and work. In selecting the schools to which our children are to be sent, this end should be kept in view. In our democratic organization where every member is at least potentially a religious leader, it is essential that our youth should be trained in an atmosphere in sympathy with the truth for which our Society stands. While, therefore, the public school may be inexpensive, and intellectually efficient, Friends should be encouraged wherever it is possible, to put their children in our own schools.

These, while not conducted on a denominational basis so narrow as to cripple the intellectual or religious life, are pervaded by a Friendly atmosphere, calculated to foster, in the young, loyalty to the Society.

Friends should, we think, also be encouraged to give their children, wherever it is practicable for them to do so, a college education, and if need be, make sacrifices therefor.

In no period of the Society's history were there more well-trained minds among its active membership than in its early days, and at no time since have the Friends been so thoroughly in sympathy with the spirit of the age in which they have lived, or so efficient in ministering to its spiritual needs.

We mourn not only that all the Lord's people were prophets, but that they should yield unto their Master vessels prepared in every way efficiently to do his will.

Friends are therefore encouraged to promote by all reasonable means the higher education of their children, that no mistaken conception of economy may hinder the fullest possible preparation for all high and noble work.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee.

George A. Barton
Ruth S. Murray

Newport, Sixth month, 8th, 1894.

Financial Statement of the Committee on Education.

Receipts

Balance on hand from last year	$41.45
Received from Salem Monthly Meeting	4.00
Received from Falmouth Monthly Meeting	2.00
Received from Swansea " "	1.93
Received from Providence " " and elsewhere - money placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting	5.00
	$54.38

Expenditures

Expenses connected with the meeting at Newport	$18.00
Balance on hand	36.38
	$54.38

17. The Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence presented the following, viz:- Mary H. Jones, Henry C. Aydelott, and others

Adjourned to meet in joint session tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Seventh Day Morning, Sixth Month 9th

The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

18. The epistle from New York Yearly Meeting also from Oregon Yearly Meeting, established last year, were read,

19. The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Peace presented their report which is satisfactory and the work of the Committee appreciated. The concern which has so long occupied a prominent place in our department of the Church, commends itself today to our renewed attention and exertions, realizing as we do that while we are happily living in a time of outward peace, the elements which go to create war are still alive, and our unwavering testimony is still needed.

The same Committee is continued, and they are requested to present to the meeting a Friend, to represent it in the Peace Association of Friends in America.

Report of Committee on Peace.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The efforts of the Committee for the Promotion of the Cause of Peace and Arbitration have devolved almost wholly on one of its members, Hannah J. Bailey. Her report of the lecture department is appended to this.

From her report of other service to the Committee it appears that she has distributed 42,000 copies of peace publications, some of which came to her hands from friends of the cause in England; among these are "Dymond on War" and "War as it is." The former stands the test of years as a radical Christian argument. The latter is a graphic little book, containing a lecture by Wilhelm Larsen, of Denmark (Translated by our friend Priscilla Peckover of England); also illustrated with many vivid copies of those pictures of Vereschagin, the soldier artist, who showed on canvas the hideous and repulsive side of war.

Our friend also served the cause very faithfully by the use of the public press, by several public addresses, and by private conversation. We quote some of her conclusions from what she observed:—
"We have reason to fear that the children in some of the Bible Schools of the Yearly Meeting do not hear so much about the peace and brotherhood of nations as should be expected, although in some schools these principals are carefully taught. Let us show the children that the time when men shall learn war no more, as foreseen by the prophet can be brought about in different ways — by mutual agreement, by arbitration neutralization, education, popular voice, commerce, by disarmament, and by teaching Christ, the Prince of Peace".

Our yearly Meeting was worthily represented at the Peace Congress at Chicago by Benjamin F. Trueblood, Timothy B. Hussey, and Hannah J. Bailey, the former as general Secretary, bestowing a great amount of labor in promoting the success which Congress attained, the latter presiding at one of the sessions and giving a most excellent address on "Woman's Power to Maintain or Suppress War".

A very excellent report of the proceedings of this notable gathering has been published by the American Peace Society. We recommend that the book have a wide circulation. We know of no work at present better adapted for enlightening the public as to the progress of the movement for international peace and arbitration. The book shows us what noble minds are engaged upon this great subject. The review which it gives of the work of faithful men in the past,

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the definite plan put forth for a High Court of Nations; the resolutions and conclusions reached, the addresses to governments, and plans for agressive work for the good of the world, make it a historic document of great value.

The Report of the Peace Association of Friends in America is presented to the Yearly Meeting. We do well to co-operate with this organization and support its publications.

The "Advocate of Peace" organ of the American Peace Society, continues its work of enlightenment with increased efficiency. It richly merits a wide circulation.

While there is a distinct advance to be noted in the Legislatures and Governments towards arrangements for the peaceful settlement of difficulties between men and nations, there is still a great need of teaching and exemplifying deeper principles of brotherhood and Christian forbearance.
There is a field of reform which invites the attention of our young people's organizations, to show that there is a nobler patriotism than that which desires to multiply war ships and arsenals.

On behalf of the Committee,
Samuel Buffum, Secretary.

Report of Lecture Committee.

Thirty-one lectures in the interests of Peace have been given by professional lecturers within the limits of the Yearly Meeting.

Twelve were given in Maine, five in New Hampshire, six in Massachusetts, and eight in Rhode Island. There was much need, and fine opportunities were found for more work

on this line, but the funds sent to the Treasurer through the envelope system were insufficient to defray the expense. Most of the money used was furnished by individuals and by the kindness of the Peace Association of Friends in America, who sent William B. Hubbard (now President of the Association) to us who gave fifteen lectures by appointment of Your Committee which arranged for them under its own auspices. One was given at each of the Yearly Meeting schools in Providence and in Vassalboro, and all with satisfactory results.

Our friend, Emily A. Burgess, of New York, spent two weeks within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, giving lectures under the direction of the Committee, which awakened an interest in the subject in each locality visited by her. In several places her audiences were large and appreciative.

The public press spoke in high terms of the speakers and the thoughts they advanced and the cause they advocated. We think there is a growing interest in the cause everywhere, although there are hindrances. The pernicious Boys' Brigade and the mischievous military drill in school are formidable obstacles in the way of promoting peace principles. Let each Friend do his duty by exerting an influence against these whenever opportunity offers.

The Gospel of Peace, according to the golden rule for nations as well as individuals, has been preached by several of our own ministers, and also by some belonging to other religious bodies, since our last report. Our chieftain in the cause, Dr. B. F. Trueblood, has done much public work along these lines, and by influencing the press, not only as editor of a great peace paper, but by writing articles for other papers, tracts for publication, etc., as well as by giving public addresses, and by his arduous labors in arranging for the

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International Peace Congress, which has given an impetus to the Peace Cause greater than it ever had before.

We have found too much apathy existing in a few localities in the Society of Friends in regard to pushing the work of this Committee, but an enthusiastic interest is apparent in some places.

Hannah J. Bailey,
For the Committee.

Thomas Wood, Treasurer in account with The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Peace.

Receipts.

6th Mo. 1893.

Received from Samuel R. Buffington (Former Treasurer)	$22.87
Received from Swanseq Monthly Meeting	7.39
" " Falmouth " "	3.00
" " Providence " "	9.00
" " Westport " "	2.00
" " Rhode Island " "	2.70
" " Amesbury " "	3.30
" " Uxbridge " "	10.00
" " Salem " "	4.00
" " Boston " "	1.62
" " Samuel R. Buffington	12.00
	$77.2

Expenditures.

6th Mo., 1893.

Expenses at Portland	$12.20
Check to H. J. Bailey	27.87
Advertising	12.00
6th Mo. 8th, 1894	
Balance on hand	22.21
	$74.28

20. The report of the Committee on Gospel Work was read. We have realized the magnitude of the work, second to none in which we are engaged, and thankfully acknowledge the help that has been extended to those who have labored earnestly and faithfully, oftentimes under discouraging circumstances in the prosecution of the work. We appoint Ellwood Macomber, Phebe S. Aydelott, Alice W. Mayfield, Benjamin F. Trueblood, Ruth S. Murray, John B. Phillips, John J. Frye, Sarah W. Merlin, Deborah P. Atherton, D. Wheeler Swift, Alfred H. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Anna M. Hussey, John H. Osborne, Joseph E. Briggs, Mary W. Jones, John B. Hartland, and Melissa S. Dearborne, to consider a proposition made by Benjamin F. Trueblood for the formation of a Church Extension Board; also, if they deem it advisable, to present at a future sitting the names of Friends for a Committee on Gospel Work, the superintendent to work in direct connection with the Yearly Meeting, and the committee to consist of one Friend from each Quarterly Meeting.

Report of Committee on Gospel Work for 1894.

Dear Friends:

The Committee continued from last year has endeavored to prosecute the work committed to us, under a deep sense of its importance, and we wish, first of all, to acknowledge the guidance and loving kindness of our heavenly Father, who has given us grace and strength to carry it forward. With deep thankfulness to the Lord of the harvest, we again record for your encouragement the blessing he has permitted to fall upon the work you appointed us to foster and encourage.

We have had before us very prayerfully, and with deep concern, the spiritual condition of our Yearly Meeting, the importance and responsibility of which is greatly increased, because of the numbers converted to God, and renewed in spiritual life the last year. The need of pastoral care, to give them teaching, sympathy, tender, loving encouragement, reminds the united, sympathetic, zealous, persevering exercise of all the pastoral gifts the Lord has bestowed upon our members.

We think there should be systematic visitation of families and individuals, frequent religious conversations by the spiritually minded with the newly converted and renewed, regular visitations of Meetings, by ministers and other keepers, especially Meetings without resident ministers, and when practicable, special meetings held. In going from place to place, a very hopeful sign for good has been that the Meetings, almost without exception, were so conscious of their need of better life that they expressed a desire for revival services. We should have held revival meetings with more of them, but we could not get the workers and the means.

In many places very rich spiritual prosperity has attended the church, and we wish that the richest blessings that have come upon any of our Meetings had come upon them all. As heretofore it has been our aim to keep ourselves in constant communication with our Quarterly Meetings, and the work carried on by them. In all this work perfect harmony has characterized our labors, with little exception, so that with humble gratitude we report, not only deep love and unity prevailing, but a good degree of agreement in judgment as to all the vital interests of the church.

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From reports received, we take the following extracts and compile the following statistics:-

Rhode Island Quarter, Henry C. Aydelott, Superintendent. Number of Meeting in this Quarter twelve; number visited five. No series of Meetings held the past year. Some special work has been done. Some Meetings supplied in absence of regular ministry. One Meeting supplied with pastor, and good unity and interest prevails. One Meeting at present supplied with ministry. Another Meeting needs most of all a lively ministry, and two more Meetings could be built up in that section. Another Meeting has outgrown its present limits; the large part of the house which has been closed for more than fifty years has been put in order. Several conversions reported and good interest generally prevails.

Salem Quarterly - C. H. Atkins Superintendent. Number of Meetings eleven. Nearly all have had some special work done in them, resulting in conversions, renewals, and general strengthening of membership. One meeting feels its special need is the ministry of the Word. Some have a self-supported pastoral in general oversight of the flock. Families are visited, and the newly awakened encouraged.

Sandwich Quarter, - William P. Macomber, Superintendent. Work has been done which would have shown good interest in the cause, but for want of reports. Spiritual life is reviving in some sections of the Quarterly Meeting. One Meeting that has been very much discouraged has been somewhat revived, and new life appears. Several of the Meetings have been visited by some members of the Committee. Two meetings supplied with a Pastor in good unity and satisfaction. Other Meetings, could they have a general

awakening might be saved.

Falmouth Quarter — H. F. Nevell, Superintendent. Number of meetings, six. All but one supplied with Ministry, but if it could be exchanged in some cases it would be much more useful. Four meetings have had revivals to some profit. Marquis L. Thomas and Brother Langster held a revival meeting at South Durham. There were some conversions and renewals. Marquis L. Thomas and Henry Nevell and wife held a series of twenty meetings at Windham to some profit. About seventy conversions are reported in the Quarter last year. A good degree of life and interest in all the meetings. Nearly all the families visited. Several professed have entered into the experience of Holiness, and some have been renewed.

Smithfield Quarter — Salome B. Wheeler, Superintendent. Number of meetings, seven. Fifty-four meetings of a revival character have been held. James M. Peter and wife held meetings at Northbridge, Bolton, and Woonsocket, and visited other meetings and the families to good satisfaction. The Lord blessed their labors with conversions and renewals. One meeting is supplied with a pastor. The meeting at Worcester has a marked missionary spirit among its members that gives our cause much promise.

Vassalboro Quarter, Frank E. Jones, Superintendent. The Quarterly Meeting has had a wonderful visitation of Divine mercy and power. Jesus of Nazareth has not only passed through but has performed many mighty acts of tender love in calling back many who had wandered from Him. Many more have been quickened and made alive who were dead in trespasses and sins, and are to-day rejoicing in a loving and precious Redeemer. Our dear friends, S. N. Jacob and Annie Ray, drawn to the work by the Father's love, opened a series of meetings at the Pond Meeting House in China, which

continued six weeks. They visited families in the daytime, and held meetings in the evenings. As the meetings advanced the power came down and seventeen wanderers were reclaimed and thirty-three professed conversion, several of them past middle life. They also held meetings, by invitation, in the Grand Army Hall, South China, with good results. Twelve professed conversions, several of them of the army post. About the same time James M. Estes opened meetings in the eastern part of China, which continued three and one-half weeks, resulting in thirty professed conversions and seventeen renewals. Meetings have been also held at Branch Mills, East Vassalboro, and Brooks. The interest in all the meetings is good. Four of the eight meetings in this Quarter are greatly in need of pastoral care so that the work may be followed up.

One meeting has been almost without any ministry a great part of the time, and much of the time wholly neglected. The great awakening in China is thought to be due to one woman who has spent much time in prayer and supplication before the Lord for two years.

Dover Quarter - E. H. Tuttle, Superintendent, number of meetings in this Quarter, five. No series of meetings have been held during the year. Some family visiting has been done, and some extra meetings held. Some of the meetings are encouraged by persons coming in who have not done so before.

Fairfield Quarter - Lizzie A. Church, Superintendent. Number of meetings, seven. Regular preaching at three other places, with frequent conversions. Five series of meetings have been held at West Gardiner, Manchester, Sidney, Fairfield, and Hallowell. Frank E. Jones and Marquis L. Thomas, assisted by the Quarterly Meeting Superintendent, held in all one hundred

and eighty-eight Meetings, visiting families between Meetings. The Lord blessed the work. Hardened sinners melted into penitence and sought the Lord. Backsliders were reclaimed, old family feuds settled, and whole communities felt the power of the Meetings. The Churches much encouraged, and in some places the attendance at the Meetings has more than doubled. Two of these places are suffering for the want of pastoral care. A Number have requested membership.

Parsonfield Quarter. Phebe L. Pope, Superintendent. Number of Meetings, four. Some extra Meetings have been held and families visited, but no special revival.

Summary of Work.

Number of Meetings held	48
Series of Meetings	136
Meetings comprising them	699
Families visited	727
Meetings without continuous service	26
Number of professed conversions	517
" " renewals	122
Bible Readings	Not reported
Children's Meetings	not reported
Qu. Quarter reports	Requests 30

Several professions of Holiness reported.

The General Superintendent has endeavored to give tone and energy to the work, lending such help as he could. He has devoted two hundred and thirty days to the work, holding revivals, preaching and helping where revivals were in progress, looking after the finances (which was a necessity) and stirring up the work in our important work. No Meeting has been visited by the General Superintendent more than once with two exceptions. One Meeting in Vassalboro Quarter has been visited three times, and one in Falmouth Quarter twice.

There has been expended for Gospel Work in the Yearly Meeting through the Committee $1,072.49
In addition to this, Ohio Monthly Meeting has raised and expended for Gospel Work within its own limits 100.00
Wassalboro 50.00
There has been expended for Pastoral Work within the Yearly Meeting 3,600.00
In all for Evangelistic and Pastoral Work $4,842.49

Several Meetings have raised and expended means not reported to us. We have had sometimes ten workers in the field at once, and as far as we know have given general satisfaction.

In closing we can say, our report is far from what we wish it was, but for what has been done, we desire all praise to be given to Him, through whom we have obtained this great salvation, praying that light and strength may be given that the church may do with this work what is best, so that under the blessing of the Lord a people may be taken from among the Gentiles for his name.

The Committee recommend that the work be carried on under the care of a Committee, and that the Yearly Meeting appropiate for the use of the Committee $2,000

General Superintendent's Financial Statement.

Received from Treasurer	$630.13
" " Friends in Worcester for the work	60.00
" " other sources	10.00
Total amount received	$700.13

Disbursements.

For work done by General Superintendent	$ 300.00
Disbursed to other workers under the direction of the Committee	285.50
Railroad fare for Superintendent and others	120.50
Incidentals	44.63
Total Disbursements	$700.13

By direction and on behalf of the Committee,
D. J. Douglas, General Superintendent
Harriette D. Collins, Secretary.

Condensed Report of Treasurer of Committee on Gospel Work.

Expenditures.

To cash expenses incurred for Gospel Work	$1,072.89	
Sixth Month, 8th, to cash expenses incurred for Gospel Work	19.60	$1,0924
Amount paid Superintendent	$ 630.13	
Paid others by order "	462.36	
Total		$1,0924

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at three o'clock.

Afternoon Sixth Month 9th.

Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

21. Read the epistles from Ramallah Monthly Meeting.

22. The Committee on Foreign Missions have made their report, which is satisfactory, and is adopted.

In considering this report, supplemented as it has been by verbal accounts from our friends so recently returned from the Mission at Ramallah, has brought at that place fresh before us, and a new impetus is given to efforts for the civilizing of the people in that

land where, "Holiest of Memories pilgrim-like throng."

We appoint Daniel C. Mayfield, Lucy R. Goddard, Henry C. Aydelott, Almira P. Buffum, Thomas Wood, Alice W. Hawkes, Mary W. Jones, Lizzie M. Hawkes and Susan F. Hoxie to present the names of Friends for a Foreign Mission Committee for the ensuing year.

Report of The Eli and Sybil Jones Mission.

To the Yearly Committee:

The Committee on Foreign Missions submit to the Yearly Meeting the following report of our work at Ramallah.

In presenting to you a report at this time, of our work during the past year, we would commemorate the goodness of our heavenly Father in watching over the Mission established in the name of the Hills of Judea. The exigencies of the work and the need of increased accomodations at the Mission House at Ramallah seemed to indicate the need of some personal supervision on the part of the Committee.

Our friends, Timothy and Anna Hussey, were appointed to visit Ramallah and see what could be done to further the work and strengthen the hands of our beloved and honored Superintendent. They felt the responsibility was too great for any two persons to assume, and by the advice of the Committee invited William and Susan T. Thompson to accompany them and share the burden. These friends cheerfully consented and the party of four started in the first month for their distant field.

We feel that the thanks of the committee are due to these friends who were willing to take this long journey at their own expense, and devote so much time and labor to this interesting work.

On their arrival at Ramallah they found some needed changes, repairs, and improvements necessary for the comfort of the inmates of the Home and immediatly set at work to supply the deficiencies.

The large balcony at the south end of the building was originally floored over with lime mortar, and being in such constant use for airing bedding, drying clothes, and spreading grapes in the season of raisin making, it was found the mortar was working up badly in washing, and also began to leak, which would soon seriously damage the ceiling of the portico below. It was thought best to remove all the lime and restore the floor with flat stones laid in good cement, which was done, making a substantial improvement.

Twelve new double desks for the Training Home girls were built of modern style with seats hinged to open, and the old ones removed to one of the newly opened day schools.

A flat stone walk four feet wide, bordered with trimmed edgestones was laid some two hundred feet in length, for the accomodation of the girls in the north yard.

The trees on the premises, of which we have sixteen kinds now bearing fruit, and five or six kinds of ornamental, were carefully trimmed, and will be of great value to the Mission both for their fruit and beauty.

In looking to the future development of the work, and especially to the needs of the new Training Home when built, it was felt that the supply of water would be quite inadequate to the largely increasing demand. A low portion of rock ground on the north-westerly corner of the Mission Land was selected on which an excavation was made for a cistern estimated to hold one hundred thousand gallons of water. This large cistern now about completed will be of almost inestimable value in this thirsty land.

Plans for the new Training Home have been put into the hands of our American Consul at Jerusalem who will present the matter to the local authorities and take the necessary steps to procure a "firman" from Constantinople for the erection of a new building.

The accompanying report of the work of the year was received from Miss Creighton at Ramallah.

The year just past has been one of varying exigencies, but through all we are thankful to our heavenly Father for his watchful care and upholding power.

The various departments of the work have all been carried on as usual. The Training Home contains twenty-one girls from eight to sixteen years of age. These are divided into three classes. There are nine in the first class, some of whom have been here several years and are now being trained as teachers. Besides their lessons in the Home they act in turn as assistants at the girls' day school, and have a very good opportunity for practice. All the girls in the Home are not only taught in the school but have practical lessons in house-work, sewing, mending etc., and every duty has to be

completely finished before another is undertaken. The thoroughness of the teaching is in every way admirable. At the school examination at the end of the winter term the girls proved to be well versed in Scripture history, and they can repeat several chapters of the Bible. The exercises in arithmetic and geography and the Arabic reading and grammar were also satisfactory. On the evening there were some general exercises, and one girl repeated in English a nice little piece of gratitude to "Friends and others in New England and elsewhere who were doing so much for them." Several persons, who have visited this school and others in Jerusalem, say that there is not one that exceeds ours in order and general excellence. A Mohammedan visitor especially spoke in very high terms of the character of the teaching here. This work will tell wherever these girls may go, for it is the earnest wish of all those who are engaged in it that they should go out from here as Christian women, trained to help others to come to Christ and to live for Him on earth.

They carry on a Peace meeting among themselves in which the proceedings are in English and parliamentary forms duly observed. Every girl recites a text of Scripture in English when the roll is called, and they practice peace as well as talk about it. They have a literary society, too, called the "Dawn of Day," which meets once a month and has a paper called the "Morning Dew," the illustrated titlepage whereof does credit to the society.

The Training Home and the general work owe much of their usefulness to our efficient Superintendent and teachers; the former, by her care over the whole establishment, ensures that the aid sent is wisely and evidently needed, and the latter are well trained for their especial work, and are very willing for any service that is called for.

The one need of interpreting requires much of their time, for nearly every caller or workman must have their assistance. The kind and willing manner in which they thus help H. H. Leighton and others is most admirable. Katie Gabriel is a pillar of strength to the mission, as she has been for some years, and Martha Muir's bright cheerfulness is very helpful.

The Girls' Day School numbers over fifty, and is well carried on by the very efficient teacher, Julia Mokadey. She has an unusual power of attracting and teaching these little children. Beside their other studies they are uniformly proficient in Scripture, and are taught not only the letter, but the spirit of it, that they may practice in their homes the lessons they learn in school.

There is a Boys' School also, taught by Malim Ibrahim; its numbers have been much reduced by the establishment of a Greek School, but we hope to improve it so much that we may not only hold the present members but attract more.

The First day Meetings have been well attended, the children from the Training Home and Girls' and Boys' Day Schools forming quite a portion of those present. The First day School has been large and interesting, and is a very encouraging feature of the work.

The Monthly Meetings have been regularly held, and the business conducted with much order. The members have been caring for some of the needy among their own number this winter, and the overseers have brought forward the cases, and administered the relief in due form.

Three Mothers' Meetings are held every week in different parts of the village, and the women listen intently to the simple Gospel teachings, plainly and clearly given by our Bible Reader, Emily Audi. The poor women need the comfort and help that they can obtain in this way, for their lives are full of weary toil. They bring their babies, their sewing, and their baskets of wheat to pick over and prepare for grinding in handmills. But there is time for earnest talk, and one or another will linger after the others have gone to tell of needs, and ask about the Saviour's love.

The Medical Department has been carried on as usual. Forty-one villages have been visited and one hundred and forty-eight days devoted to meeting the patients at the dispensary. Three thousand and fifty-one patients have come to the Dispensary, and eleven hundred and forty-two have been visited in their homes. Three hundred and seventy-one surgical operations have been performed, and two thousand eight hundred and forty-nine prescriptions prepared. Some of the calls have been from a long distance, the farthest requiring a journey of five hours and a half, and some poor sufferers have come several miles to get relief.

A branch school for girls at Jiffneh, supported by Baltimore friends, has been successfully carried on, and we have it in prospect to establish other schools in this village, at Taiyibeh, and perhaps other places, as there seems need. Our difficulty has been to find suitable teachers, but we hope there is a prospect that these may be obtained.

At Christmas time there were some exercises as usual, a tree was decorated, and the children's hearts made happy by such gifts as were provided. The boxes brought by our friends of the Committee contained a good provision for another year, as well as much material for use in the Home, all of which was very gratefully received.

We have had some very acceptable visits from English and American travellers. Their commendation of the school and the Home have quite cheered our hearts, and one gentleman left a contribution, especially for a picnic for the children, which gave them a great deal of pleasure.

On behalf of the Committee
Susan T. Thompson, Secretary.

Three thousand dollars requested through the envelope system.

Note- The lengthy itemized account of the Treasurer, vouched for by Olney T. Mendes, Auditor, will be printed in full, with the report of the Mission, both of which can be had by addressing William T. Hussey, Treasurer, North Berwick, Me.

23. The Committee on Western Indians have presented their report, which is interesting and satisfactory, showing that much efficient work has been accomplished during the year.

The Committee already appointed to nominate a Committee on Foreign Missions is requested also to present nominations for a Committee on Western Indians.

In connection with the report it is concluded that two or three Friends, to be selected by the clerks, be appointed to proceed to Washington

to make certain proper efforts to prevent the withdrawal of the reserve appropriated by Congress for the expenses of the Indian Commissioners, and to use such other influences as they may be able to do for the benefit of the Indians.

Report of Committee on Western Indians.

The work under the care of Friends in Indian and Oklahoma Territories has met with a serious loss in the death of our valued superintendent, Dr. Charles F. Kirk, who passed to his eternal home last ninth month. His wife, who had long been associated with him in his work among the Indians, consented to act in that capacity, until a suitable Friend could be found to take the position. Rachel Kirk has done well, and the work has been carried on the same line as heretofore. In this we are reminded that God removes His workers yet carries on His work.

From a report of the Associated Executive Committee, we find that one preparative and two particular meetings have been added the last year, making in all, four monthly, twelve preparative, and twenty-one particular meetings, besides several outstation meetings are some times held. A number of series of meetings are reported in different localities attended by many professed conversions, and considerable accessions to the membership of some meetings. The total membership is nine hundred and thirty-six, of whom four hundred and sixteen are Indians. The net increase for the year has been seven Indian members and one hundred and twenty Whites. The large increase of white members is due to the great immigration of White people to the Territory within two years. Two meeting houses

are now greatly needed, — one at Miami City, for which five hundred dollars is required, and another where Oak Grove meeting is held. The former has the more pressing claim upon us. Fifty members of this Meeting beg for a Meeting House; they are very poor, but excellent Christians. At Oak Grove the meeting is held in a school house so small that only one half of those who attend can get into it, and many of those who do are obliged to stand. If two hundred dollars can be raised towards this building, the members offer to furnish the rest, put up a house thirty-two by forty-eight feet and seal it.

The Modoc Mission is under the care of Philander Blackledge. In a letter received from his wife, she says, "The dear Lord bless us in our work, and has given us the hearts of the people. We have very efficient help in the Indians, indeed they are very far ahead of the White race in spirituality". The members of the Modoc Mission are coming forward in the ministry. Their missionaries also hold meetings in the home of Charlie Bluejacket, Jr. (a Shawnee Indian, four miles away), with increased interest.

The Ottawa meetings now number one hundred and four members, fifty-six of whom are Indians. Robert H. Hodson, a young man described as an indefatigable Christian worker with a frail body, has the oversight of the flock here, and at Miami City. The Committee has paid one half of his support the past year. In correspondence with him, we found every thing about the Mission Home very much out of repair. The school house had been abandoned as unfit for use, and there was a prospect of a young man an infidel and a whisky drinker, being appointed teacher of the school.

Robert Hodson thought if such a person was to teach the school, six days in the week, he might as well tare the field. Accordingly he offered to teach the school in connection with his other duties. The school was commenced in the meeting house, but very soon he had the old school-house moved, put on a solid foundation, and generally repaired and now the school is taught in it! Fifty-one scholars have been enrolled. He charges sixty-five cents a month for those who are able to pay, and pays the amount received in repairing the buildings. He writes that God is wonderfully blessing him, that on Christmas eve, while he was preaching, God sent the power down, and ten professed conversion in different parts of the house. The hearts of the people were so touched, that he continued the meetings two weeks, and many were converted, and several renewed in spirit. An earnest Christian Endeavor Meetng is organized here. At one time these Endeavorers went to a poor afflicted mans house, taking provisions and money, and had a prayer meeting with him, which resulted in his conversion.

Seneca and Wyandotte Meetings continue in a healthy condition, and a growth in the members is apparent.

Peiatook Mission is still under the care of John M Watson; his daughter Ora has charge of the school the same as last year.

The Meeting has been kept up at Shawnee town the home of the late Dr. Kirk, where his widow still lives; it numbers sixty-three members, more than two thirds of whom are Indians.

William Neal whose home is in Tecumseh, a few miles distant attends this Meeting. Three Indian members have been added during the year. The boarding-school at the Mexican Kickapoo Station still continues. At one time during the past year, the funds of the school were exhausted, and the danger seemed imminent, at one time, of the children having to be sent to camp life with its temptations, but money was collected in various ways, sufficient to tide the school over its immediate difficulties.

The work among the wilder tribes in Oklahoma Territory has progressed as well as could be expected. The allotment of lands in severalty to Indians who are prepared for it is a blessing, but to those who know nothing about civilization, it is a drawback, unless a missionary is arduously at work among them. The average white settler is not an admirer of Indian character, nor is the Indian in favor of him, a condition usually to the detriment of the Indian. Taxing the present property of the Indian has proved a snare to hinder rather than help him. When they consented to take allotment in severality, it was with the understanding that they should have twenty five years in which to prepare themselves for full citizenship. While the treaties exempted their allotments from taxation they were silent on personal property. The Oklahoma authorities in their greed for revenue, agreed to tax the Indians, not only on their personal property but on their improvements, such as building fences, ploughed ground, wells of water, etc. And not satisfied with that, the property was valued at more than double that of like property owned by white men. This has resulted in driving many of the Indians to the Creek Seminole and Cherokee

nations. Many of those remaining are disposing of their personal property, and, in a discouraged condition at their unfair treatment, resolve to live in idleness. The matter of illegal taxation was brought to the attention of the Indian Office and the opinion of the Attorney-General shows conclusively that improvements were a part of the realty, and that such a tax could not be imposed on an allottee. Yet the county officials persist in collecting taxes, although notified of the decision at Washington.

The training school at Chiloeco, Oklahoma Territory, is under the care of Benjamin S. Coppock, a Friend, and stands among the first of Government schools. White's Industrial school at Wabash, Ind., has done excellent work the past year. Twenty-seven Indian boys and thirty-nine Indian girls have been in attendence. The religious condition of the school is increasing, many of the pupils having made a profession of religion. They have a Christian Endeavor Society of fifty three members, which has done much to secure steadfastness among its members.

A very interesting account of the influence of a pupil of one of our Friend teachers comes to us. The young Indian became a Christian while at school, the change in his life became apparent to all about him; his education was cut short by failing health, he died soon after returning home; the bond between the young man and his father was very great, each being full of love for the other. The young man was anxious that his father should become a Christian, and exacted a promise from him, to live according to Christ's teaching as made known to them. Time passed by; a new and strange belief, the Ghost dance, came among the Indians; almost all their influential men joined the new party,

but all his old comrades influence were unsuccessful in inducing Big Nose, the boy's father, to go with them. A number of his old associates, in trying to win him to their side, drew from him the following: "You know my son, who went away to school and came back and died; he did not live long, but he told me all about what he had learned of the white man's God, and before he died, he said, 'I am going to die soon, I am not afraid to die, I am going to heaven to be with God, and, O father, I want you to promise me that you will live as I have told you, and then we will meet again in Heaven.' I believed my son, and I promised him; I am an old man now, not much longer to live. No, my friends, I cannot go with you." Big Nose remained firm, lived a Christian life, and died in triumphant faith.

It means a good deal to teach those who come to us in moccasins and blankets the elements of industrial training, that shall show them how to live rightly and enable them to do it. But above all, in all, and through all, is the Gospel of Christ, which is the power of God, to their salvation. Perhaps no Mission to the Heathen have been more blessed than many of these to the wild painted savages. Thousands who were barbarians in heart and in deed are now true disciples of Christ, the wilderness and solitary place being made glad for them. The missionaries among them behold the time when God will make a way, even a highway.

The amount being raised by the different Yearly meetings is $4,000. We recommend that $523 be appropriated. We also ask that the treasury of our committee be replenished, not only by a collection in our Yearly Meeting, but by efforts made in all our Yearly Meetings,

Western Indians

bringing up the amount to $1,000.

For the Committee,
Myra B. Frye, Secretary.

Newport R. I., Sixth Month 9th, 1894.

Sixth Month 7th, 1894.

Treasurer's Report of Committee on Western Indians

Balance from last year	$58.75
Received from collection at Portland Yearly Meeting	116.66
Total from Monthly Meeting Treasurers.	252.41

Received from Isaac Sharp, of England		$25.00
" " Allen's Neck Bible School		11.00
" " Amesbury " "		6.06
" " Worcester " "		10.00
" " Manchester, Me.		1.00
" " New Bedford Indian Association		25.00
" " John Bayliss, New Bedford		5.00
" " Friends in " " by E. T. Tucker		25.00
" " West Falmouth Mass by Huldah Gifford		10.00
" " Charles H. Earle, collection	2.50	
		$120.06

Total receipts	$348.56

Expenditures.

Paid deficit of Yearly Meeting, apportionment	$75.00
" for support of R. W. Hodson	228.50
" donation to R. W. Hodson	40.00
" " " John F. Murdock	50.00
" for support of R. W. Hodson	85.00
" donation to Kickapoo Boarding School	65.00
Balance now on hand	5.06
Total	$348.56

Samuel Buffum,
Treasurer of the Committee.

24. The Committee to nominate the Providence Boarding School Committee presented their report, which is approved the appointment is made, and the names are as follows:

Providence Boarding-School Committee.

Timothy B. Hussey.	Rachel S. Howland.
Samuel R. Buffinton.	Ellen K. Buffum.
James H. Chace.	Hannah J. Bailey.
Peter M. Neal.	Anna G. Wood.
Samuel Buffum.	Deborah W. Crossman.
Robert P. Gifford.	Deborah P. Atherton.
J. Warren Hawkes.	Lydia C. Neal.
William O. Newhall.	Ruth S. Murray.
Daniel C. Maxfield.	Alice W. Maxfield.
Charles A. Chace.	Anna M. Hussey.
Olney T. Meader.	Elizabeth H. Newhall.
Charles Sisson.	Sarah Marble.
Edward T. Tucker.	Susan Peckham.
Joshua L. Macomber.	Bessie T. Wing.
John J. Frye.	S. Caroline Tobey
Charles E. Cobb.	Mary A. Crossman.
Thomas Wood.	M. Augusta Battey.
Barker Newhall.	Martha Hoag of Boston.

Rufus M. Jones.

Real estate Committee.

James H. Chace	Olney T. Meader.
Samuel R. Buffinton.	Robert P. Gifford

Charles Sisson.

25. The Representatives are requested to consider the following subjects, found in the accounts from the Yearly Meeting Viz:—

From Salem — "Feeling that the requirement of the Yearly Meeting, as stated in a Minute sent down in 1893, directing that Monthly Meetings report definitely the number of members who are not in the daily practice of reading the Holy Scriptures, has not proved

in its practical workings to be worse or beneficial we respectfully request the Yearly Meeting to reconsider its action in the matter."

From Smithfield— "This meeting is united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to insert in our 'Book of Discipline,' a brief statement of our doctrinal views on the subjects of Water Baptism and the Lords Supper, so called, that those who may be seeking membership with us may find the Scriptural reason referred to by our early Friends that all outward ordinances so called, were fulfilled and ended in Christ. We are also united in requesting that the Yearly Meeting state more definitely in the Discipline the duties Monthly Meetings as regards the expenses of Friends travelling in the ministry, both our own members and those belonging to other Yearly Meeting."

Also to consider and report upon the suggestion of Robert P. Gifford in reference to the appointment of Representatives, etc.

Adjourned to meet in joint session tomorrow morning at 10. 30 o'clock.

Second-day Morning, Sixth Month 11th.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment in joint session.

26. We have in attendance with us this morning, our Friends William Thomas Willis a Minister, with his wife, Maria T. Willis, an Elder, with credentials from Marlboro Monthly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting.

27. Epistles have been read from our Friends of Ohio and Kansas Yearly Meetings.

28. Our several Quarterly Meetings have forwarded tables of statistics, which have been summarized, as follows, viz.:-

Statistical Report of the Yearly Meeting, From Third Month 1st, 1893, to Third Month 1st, 1894.

Statistics of Membership.												Statistics of Children.				
Number reported last year	Error in last year's report — Gain	Error in last year's report — Loss	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present number of Members	Number of children between 4 and 21	Number of children between 12 and 21	Number attending school	Number attending schools taught or controlled by Friends	Number attending school taught or controlled by Friends, between 12 and 21
4335		15	37	86	47	57	152	46	65	25	4376	655	361	415	85	62

Number of Ministers. 118
Number of Elders. 246
Number of Associate Members. 184

Names of Ministers (Deceased)	Date of Death	Age in Years, Or in what year of his age
Thomas Grover.	Fifth Month 7th 93	Eighty-Seventh.
Charity G. Chase.	Twelfth " 13th 1893	Seventy-eighth.
Lavina G. Huntington	Fourth " 10th 1893	Fifty-ninth.

Names of Elders. (Deceased)	Date of Death.	Age in years in what year age
Hannah A. Brightman	Sixth month 20th, 1893.	Fiftieth.
Eliza A. Faber	Ninth month 17th, 1893.	Sixty-third.
David B. Wheeler	Tenth month 14th, 1893.	Seventy-first.
Hezekiah Binns	Second month 8th, 1894.	Forty-seventh
Rhoda H. Buffington	Second month 27th, 1894.	Eighty-fourth
Ephraim Gifford.	Third month 13th, 1894	Eighty-third

Note. - The Report from the Quarterly Meeting, properly filled out should be sent to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, on or before the first day of the Sixth Month.

29. The Committee on income of the H. H. Moshu Fund presented their annual report which is satisfactory and the same Committee is continued with the addition of Samuel Buffum. Name of Committee, Alfred H. Jones, Esther Jones, J. Elwood Paige, Ruth S. Murray. Sarah Marble, I. Warren Hawkes, Susan Peckham, and Samuel Buffum.

30. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor presented their Annual Report which is satisfactory and encouraging, and we desire for our young Friends that their work may go on in yet greater power and that the influence upon the Church as expressed in their motto may be more and more apparent.

Annual Report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

To New England Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,- In this our third annual Report we would acknowledge with deep feelings of gratitude the continued blessing of our Heavenly Father, praising Him for the definite results with which He has crowned our efforts.

Through the influence and personal attention of our organizer, Frank C. Jones, six new societies have been formed as follows, viz:-
Salem, West Gardiner, Palermo, Manchester, Pond Meeting-House at South China, and Fairfield. These add to our membership about one hundred and seventy five members, making a total of 658 Active and 132 Associate. From those not already Friends forty one requests for membership have been received.

We are glad to report the addition of five Junior Societies,- one at Woonsocket and the other at Portland. This department of our work deserves more earnest attention than it has received in the past. In societies already formed some remarkable instances of the earnest Christian devotion of children may be recorded.

Much has been accomplished during the year in awakening an interest in missions. Several societies are now contributing regularly to the support of the work among the Indians, and doubtless others will soon follow their example. We hope the interest may soon become so general that each society in our Union may aid in this most worthy cause. In some sections our young

people have been quite active in helping to support revival services. In one place a mission Sabbath school is conducted largely by endeavorers.

As we approach the future in this noble work it is with a prayer that Divine guidance and blessing may attend every effort for Christ and the Church.

Lindley M. Binford, President
Harriett C. McLean, Secretary

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Afternoon, Sixth month 11th.

Friends met in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

31. The report of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance, through its Secretary has been read and approved.

The consideration of this important subject has resulted in the conclusion to recommend that Treasurers of Monthly Meetings, upon receipt of information of the amounts needed for the several objects for which money is raised, ascertain the sums which their respective Meetings should pay based on the regular percentage of Yearly Meeting Stock, thus furnishing their Finance Committee with data as to the minimum amounts required; and Monthly Meetings Finance Committees are encouraged to press the claims of these various objects upon our members, and receive their offerings in such way as they may elect, preferably through the envelope system now in use.

And it is hereby directed that an appropriation of fifty dollars be made for the use of the Secretary of the Finance Committee in prosecution of her duties.

Contributions from The Monthly Meetings towards benevolent objects of The Yearly Meeting as reported to Phebe S. Aydelott, Financial Secretary.

(Note.) Some contributions came in after this Report was made up.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

Monthly Meetings	Gospel Work.	Foreign Missions.	Western Indians	Freedmen.	Bible School Work.	Temperance	Education.	Peace	Totals
Rhode Island	$14.45	—	$23.40	$11.47	$2.65	$3.15	—	$2.70	$57.82
Greenwich	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swansea	99.65	$92.43	25.23	20.70	6.65	20.14	$3.93	7.59	276.32
Providence	3.25	23.50	15.50	38.83	3.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	94.28
South Kingston	1.30	2.50	5.25	—	—	1.55	—	—	10.60

Salem Quarterly Meeting.

Salem	$67.75	$44.10	$28.52	$9.45	$4.45	$9.90	$4.00	$4.00	$172.17
Amesbury	11.00	1.50	4.75	2.00	3.00	8.00	—	5.50	35.75
Weare	3.00	4.25	4.25	2.25	—	3.00	—	—	16.75
Boston	—	—	—	—	2.82	—	—	1.62	4.44

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

Sandwich Mass	—	$25.00	$25.00	$32.00	—	—	—	—	$82.00
Dartmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Westport	$9.00	10.00	10.00	2.00	—	$3.00	—	$2.00	36.00
New Bedford	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.

Falmouth	$7.75	$7.50	$16.00	$ —	$ —	—	$2.00	$3.00	$36.25
Durham	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Windham	-.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	-.75
Lewiston	5.00	5.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

Monthly Meetings	Gospel Work.	Foreign Missions.	Western Indians.	Freedmen.	Bible School Work.	Temperance	Education	Peace	Total.
Smithfield	$5.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	$5.00
Uxbridge	91.00	$128.10	$92.00	$63.00	$10.00	$10.00	—	$10.00	404.00
Bolton.	15.10	4.00	.50	—	.50	—	—	—	20.10
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.									
Vassalboro	$10.25	—	$-.25	—	$-.25	$1.50	—	—	$12.25
Albion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unity	$3.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	$5.00
Maple Grove	1.45	$2.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.45
Dover Quarterly Meeting.									
Dover	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Berwick	—	$3.00	$2.00	—	—	—	—	—	$5.00
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting.									
Sidney	—	$5.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	$5.00
Winthrop	$18.75	—	—	$3.10	—	$24.35	—	—	43.10
St. Albans	—	4.75	—	—	—	1.09	—	—	5.84
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting.									
Sandwich N.H.	$10.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	$10.00
Parsonsfield	—	$14.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	14.00
Totals	$376.45	$376.53	$252.65	$183.90	$33.32	$90.68	$12.93	$39.41	$1,365.87
Reported last year	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	2,022.91
Increase in Col't'ns	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	$667.04

32. The epistle from London Yearly Meeting for 1894 was read.

33. The Committee for that purpose presented nominations for a Committee on Western Indians which is satisfactory and they are appointed viz:-

Committee on Western Indians.
Chairman, William O. Newhall.
Secretary, Myra E. Frye.
Recording Secretary, Sarah J. Swift.
Treasurer, Samuel Buffum.

William O. Newhall.
Augustine Jones.
John J. Frye.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Joseph D. Wood.
Electa J. Collins.
Lizzie M. Hawkes.
Edward T. Tucker.
Sarah J. Swift

Ellen K. Buffum.
Myra E. Frye.
Asa E. Tuttle.
Anna M. Gove.
Emma S. Briggs.
Samuel Buffum.
Mary D. Collins.
Susan H. Meader.
Almira B. Buffum.
John S. Kimber
Jason T. Ficket.

Associated Executive Committee.

William O. Newhall.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Augustine Jones.
Myra E. Frye.

34. The Committee for that purpose recommend the following Committee on Foreign Missions which is satisfactory and they are appointed viz:-

Committee on Foreign Missions.
Chairman, Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Rec. Secretary, Ruth S. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.
Cor. Secretary, Charles M. Jones, Portland, Me.
Treasurer, William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.

Timothy B. Hussey.
Anna E. Wood.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Susan T. Thompson.
Alice E. Earle.
Huldah H. Leighton.
William T. Hussey.
Mary Wadsworth Jones.
Guilelma E. Wood.

Anna M. Hussey.
Charles M. Jones.
William Thompson.
Harriette D. Collins.
Ruth S. Murray.
Robert P. Gifford.
Olney T. Meader.
Martha E. Hoag.
Elizabeth K. Jones.

Henry D. Swift.

Auxiliary to the Committee on Foreign Missions from the several Monthly Meetings as follows:-

Rhode Island.	Mary Chace.	Frederick Gama
Greenwich.	Anna G. Baker.	Willis H. White.
Swansea.	G. Mahlon Chace.	Mary Alice Buffin
Providence.	Parker Newhall.	Phebe R. Gifford 2
South Kingston.	Mary A. Gould.	William T. Coll
Salem.	Henry M. Bubier.	W. Carleton Jone
Amesbury.	D. Ellwood Marfield.	Charles C. Jon
Weare.	Henry Osborne.	Lizzie Sawyer
Boston.	William Wood.	Alfred A. [illegible]
New Bedford.	George R. Wood.	Nathaniel W. Giffo
Sandwich.	Joseph Ewer.	Annie E. Ewer
Dartmouth.	George Howland	Lillie Giffor
Westport.	Edward L. Macomber.	Annie M. Giff
Falmouth.	William Hacker.	Lizzie M. [illegible]
Windham.	Sumner Varney.	Adelia L. Fellow
Durham.	Henry Snow.	Amy Jones.
Lewiston	Fordyce E. Farr.	Era Dunham.
Smithfield.	Oscar J. Morse.	Elisha T. Read
Uxbridge.	Erastus G. Bickford.	Ella L. Andre
Bolton.	Alfred H. Dow.	Elwood Wheeler.
Vassalboro.	George H. Cates.	Frank D. Taber.
China.	Fred Crosman.	Ellwood W. Jones
Unity.	George Varney.	George Jones.
Maple Grove.	William Penn Varney.	Wilbur A. Estes
Dover.	George I. Jenness.	Julia A. Mead
Berwick.	Arthur M. Hussey.	Alton G. Butler
Winthrop	Alfred W. Hawkes.	Ellwood A. Bai
Sidney.	George B. Wing.	George Paddock.
St. Albans.	Jesse Chandler.	Irena Winslow.
Parsonsfield.	Abbie C. Leonard.	Harry M. Cob
No. Sandwich.	Joseph J. Cartland.	Leslie O. Mead

This Committee to be supplemented by an auxiliary to be nominated by the Representative

35. The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Gospel Work and of a Church Extension Board presented their report.

That portion relating to the Gospel Work is approved, and the appointments accordingly made, viz:-

As for the Gospel Work we propose that, for the present, the office of General Superintendent be dropped and the Gospel Committee be composed of a Superintendent for each Quarterly meeting and three members of the Yearly Meeting at large.

We propose that the following persons constitute the Committee for the coming year, viz.:-

Committee on Gospel Work.
Organization.
Chairman, David L. Douglas.
Secretary, Harriette D. Collins.
Treasurer, Joseph B. Briggs.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island, Phebe S. Aydelott. Smithfield, Salome C. Wheeler.
Salem, J. Ellwood Paige. Vassalboro, James M. Carter.
Sandwich, William D. Macomber. Dover, Amelia H. Tuttle.
Falmouth, Henry Farwell. Fairfield, Jesse McPherson.
Parsonsfield, Silas H. Hartland.

At large.
Joseph B. Briggs Harriette D. Collins.
David L. Douglas.

36. The recommendation in regard to Church Extension has claimed our careful and prayerful consideration and with a little ~~a~~ amendment is adopted and the various appointments are confirmed, viz.:-

We are united in recommending that a board of twelve members, taken from the Yearly meeting at large, one third of whom shall be chosen each year, be appointed to have charge of the general work of Church Extension.

The duty of the Board shall be to hold small meetings in the development of their work into new fields, to assist in building new houses of worship, and to promote in any other way consistent with our principles that may commend itself to their judgment, the spread of Christ's kingdom within and about their limits.

We recommend also that three trustees be appointed one of whom shall be chosen each year, who shall have the care of any permanent funds that may be given for the promotion of this Church Extension Work.

Church Extension Board met at Newport, Sixth Month 12th, 1894, and organized as follows:-

Chairman,	Benjamin F. Trueblood
Secretary,	George L. Croeman
Treasurer,	Thomas Wood.

Church Extension Board.

For one year.	For two years.
Charles A. Chace.	Thomas Wood.
Anna M. Gore.	Timothy B. Hanley.
George L. Croeman.	John J. Frye.
Sarah H. Newlin.	Melvin M. Bailey.

For three years.	Trustees.
Charles M. Bailey.	Olney T. Meader, one year
Joseph E. Briggs.	D. Wheeler Swift, two years
Phebe S. Aydelott.	Samuel Buffum, three years
Benjamin F. Trueblood.	

37. The Committee on Freedmen presented their Report including that of the principal of Marysville Institute, which is approved, and the needs of that institution have claimed our attention.

A surplus of $76 received on the Bible School account is appropriated to the use of the

Freedmen's Committee.

The Committee is continued with the addition of George A. Barton and Susan F. Hopkins.

Freedmen's Committee.

Sec. and Treas., Robert P. Gifford.

Lynne Jones. Hannah J. Bailey.
Joseph E. Briggs. Gertrude H. Cartland.
Anna M. Hussey. George A. Barton.
Susan F. Hopkins.

Report of the Committee on Freedmen.

To The Yearly Meeting:

The attendance at Maryville School has been larger than usual for the year past, the number enrolled exceeding that of the year previous by forty-seven, and the number of graduates were ten more.

With the limited capacity of our buildings and the continued poor accommodations which our small means compel us to offer, the enrolment of two hundred and sixty-six and eighty-seven per cent of attendance presents to us not only surprise, but serious reflection. We have not been favored as yet to receive the much-needed income from the investments held in trust for the expenses of the Maryville School, and the Christian zeal and patient labor of our principal, E. H. Garner, is worthy of attention. We gratefully acknowledge the kind consideration and aid from Friends' Freedmen's Association of Philadelphia. We desire the prayerful attention of the Yearly Meeting to the interests of Maryville Institute, the Annual Report of which from the principal are herewith present.

On behalf of the Committee,
Robert P. Gifford
Secretary.

Financial Statement.

Receipts.

Augustine Jones, Trustee, George Stuge Fund	$1,430.09
" " " H. C. Lamp "	60.00
" " " B. F. Knowles "	9.00
From Yearly Meeting appropriation	500.00
" Philadelphia Freedmen Association of Friends	100.00
Contributions from Monthly Meetings.	183.70
Other donations	73.76
	$2,376.4[illegible]

Expenditures.

Paid L. H. Garner, principal, on wage account	$4[illegible]1.3[illegible]
" for aid to students from George Stuge fund	1,9[illegible]0.0[illegible]
	2,[illegible]76.4[illegible]

For the Committee,
Robert D. Gifford, Treasurer

Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, Maryville, Tenn. For the year 1893-94.

Number of days taught	190
Number enrolled	266
Per cent of attendance	87
Number of boarders in the building	59
Number of teachers in the training class	102
Number graduating in the Elementary Course	13

This Annual Report is submitted with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that He has so graciously manifested His presence through the past year, with us, there having been an unusual interest in spiritual things manifested by the students, many of whom accepted Christ as their Saviour and, having gone out as teachers, will scatter the good seed over a wide section of this South Land.

A Christian Endeavor Society, with forty-eight active members and fifteen associate members, has been organized among the students with encouraging results, the meetings have been greatly blessed in training the members for

religious work and in arousing a great spiritual interest. Realizing that the most important part of our work is the building up of Christian character, it has been especially encouraging to note the growth which many have made into a richer and fuller life with Christ.

L. H. Garner, Principal

Fifth Month 31st, 1894.

Yearly Meet. 38. It is informed that all the Quarterly Meetings have paid or directed their Treasurer to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting their respective quotas of Yearly Meeting Stock.

39. The report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, Benjamin F. Knowles, and Henry Camp Funds have been received and approved, viz:-

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, Benjamin F. Knowles, and Henry Camp Funds.

Financial Statement.

Sturge

George Sturge Fund.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$19.38
Coupons paid Ninth Month 14th	727.50
" " Second Month 8th, 1894	727.50
Interest on Deposits	3.14
	$1,477.49

Expenditures.

Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit	$10.00
Assisting Students, Fall Term	518.57
" " Spring "	934.52
Balance for new account	17.40
	$1,477.49

F. Knowles Fund

Benjamin F. Knowles Fund.

Receipts.

To dividend 55 Willimantic Linen Company	$4.50
" " 56 " "	4.50
	$9.00

Expenditures

Third Month 12th, 1894, Paid Freedmen's Committee	$9.00
	$9.00

Receipts

Henry Hamp's Fund.

Balance from last year	$7.23
Interest on Mortgage for $1,000	60.00
	$67.23

Expenditures.

Paid Committee on Freedom Third month 12th, 1894	$30.00
" " " " Fifth " 24th, 1894,	30.00
Balance for new account	7.2[illegible]
	$67.[illegible]

On behalf of the Trustees
Samuel R. Buffington
Augustine Jones.

Bible School

40. The Bible School Committee's report has been read and approved.

We appoint Otis Meader, I. Warren Hawkes, Samuel Buffum, Willis Hawes, Ezra Hawkes, Susan M. Seabury, Thomas Wood, Harriette D. Collins, Sarah Marble, to present nominations for a Bible School Committee for the ensuing year, also the name of a Friend for Yearly Meeting's Superintendent of Bible School Work.

Report of Bible Schools.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:-

Dear Friends,- Reports from our Bible Schools indicate that we have fifty-eight schools with a total membership slightly less than that of one year ago, the average attendance being in the same proportion. The accompanying statistical report shows that at least five schools have experienced material increase in both membership and attendance, leaving the losses to be accounted for elsewhere.

The schools at Hopkinton, R.I., and at South Weare, N.H., are reported as discontinued. From Sandwich Quarterly Meeting however, comes the report

Bible that a new school called the "Roadside Mission" has been opened by Friends in Central Village and yet another school has been started, Potonska, in which many Friends of that vicinity are interested, though it is not considered as one of our Yearly Meeting schools. It is reported, too, that some Friends in New Bedford, besides teaching in their own school, have classes also at the City Mission, and that in all the schools in Sandwich Quarter a good degree of interest is being maintained.
By changes in the statistics since last report, the leading school in point of membership and attendance is that of the East Lynn Chapel in Salem Quarterly Meeting, which reports a membership of two hundred, and average attendance of one hundred and thirteen. It reports having had through the winter months an average attendance of one hundred and forty-five to one hundred and fifty.

Conferences. Quarterly Meeting Bible School conferences have been held as follows: In Rhode Island, three; in Salem, two; in Sandwich, two; in Falmouth, one; in Smithfield, three; in Vassalboro, one; in Dover, none; in Fairfield, none; and in Parsonsfield one. Of these the Yearly Meeting's Superintendent has attended three. In some Quarters, as will be noted, two or three conferences are held every year, and we think none should let the year pass without holding at least one conference.

No general conference has been held during the year, but we think one should be arranged for in the near future. With the limited amount of time given to Bible-School work at Yearly Meeting there should be enough interest in the cause to support a good general conference each year, a central place from which each should emanate much vitality conducive to

healthy increase in quantity and quality of Bible School work.

Records. We still experience some difficulty in securing prompt and systematic reports from our schools. To facilitate this part of the work in future we have recently compiled and published a new record-book arranged to meet our needs for keeping in each school a complete and yet simple record of enrolment attendance, and other items of interest. Prior to the beginning of the new school year, Fourth Month 1st, one of these books was sent to each school, so that none now has any excuse for not keeping proper records. Copies of the book may be obtained by application to the Yearly Meeting Superintendent.

Libraries. Perhaps one of the most common "special needs" mentioned by schools in recent annual reports has been that of better libraries. In the hope of meeting this need we have been working on a plan, now ready to put into effect, for assisting schools that may need help in obtaining good books at the lowest cost. A part of this plan has involved the preparation of a list of books which is to be sent to every school for reference and convenience in selection. A preliminary list of about one hundred and twenty books has already been prepared and printed, it being the intention that supplementary lists should be issued from time to time as may seem desirable. The quality of books comprising a Sabbath School library is a matter of much importance. Not only should no books be tolerated that are in any way harmful in their influence, but those of a trashy nature should be excluded, and only those placed in the hands of our young readers that will exert a postively beneficial influence in a moral, religious or educational way. In these times, an abundance of wholesome and attractive books for the young, there is no apology for placing in their hands

those of any other nature. The Sabbath-School library, particularly in country districts, may, as we believe, be made a centre of educational and moral influence.
Within the past two months we have made offers to a few schools desiring assistance in improving their libraries to donate from our Bible School funds for any sum not exceeding ten dollars upon their having raised an equal amount from local resources. In one school ten dollars has been raised for books in this way, and we believe others are working in that direction.

It is desirable that any Friend in the Yearly Meeting who may have a knowledge of especially good books for the Bible School library will assist the Committee by naming the books, that they may be included in our list.

Visitation. We think the greatest need of our work today is occasional visitation of schools by Yearly and Quarterly Meeting Superintendents, in their respective Quarters. How much inspiration and help the schools might derive from an occasional visit of a live and interested worker, it is impossible to estimate. We are not unmindful of the fact that often (possibly generally) the Quarterly Meeting Superintendent is a most interested and needed worker in his or her local school, but in accordance with the principles on which we do our work in the Society of Friends we think each Quarterly Meeting ought to furnish at least one person who could accomplish this desired work.

We believe there is no way in which such returns could be secured from the money we raise each year for Bible-School work as by using what may be necessary in defraying the travelling expenses of such workers.
The needed sum in each Quarterly Meeting is not large, since distances travelled

would be short and the number of schools in each is not large. If each Quarterly Meeting would take this matter in hand, find some one who would do the work, itself providing the money necessary for travelling expenses, splendid results might be secured, reached in the simplest manner, and the interest and attendance in our schools increased.
We may see difficulties in carrying out the plan, but the old adage still remains good, "Where there's a will there's usually a way"

We cannot close this report without reference to a home study class established during the year in connection with the school at New Bedford. The class numbers fifteen and has for its members elderly people who cannot conscientiously attend school. The class study the same lesson upon which the school is at work and when possible at the same hour. Once in three months a report from the class is made to the school, and from the class teachers for the school are sometimes recruited. Home study classes are a growing feature in Sabbath School work in various sections of the country and province to become an important department of every flourishing Sabbath-school.
We recommend all our schools to try the plan where opportunity offers.

We trust the coming year may be one of increased energy in Bible School work, and that in the localities where schools are growing smaller in size, strong effort will be made to report an increase another year.

On behalf of the Committee,
George L. Brosman.

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 11th, 1894.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Bible Schools for New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Receipts.

Brought from 1893.	$146.18
Received of the Treas. of the Monthly Meetings	37.52
	$183.70

Expenditures.

12th Mo. 29th, 1893, Paid George E. Herbert & Co. Printing	$4.00
6th " 6th, 1894 " " " " " " Record Books	75.00
" " " " Paid J. M., Superintendent Postage	14.80
" " " " " " " " Slack advanced to school at Minna, Me. for Library	5.00
Balance	84.90
	$183.70

C. F. Bailey, Treasurer.

Committee on Bible Schools.

Yearly Meeting Superintendent, Mary E. Chace, 15 Fall River.
Secretary and Treasurer, Marianna Gifford, 70 Rock Street Fall River, Mass.
Executive Committee, Mary E. Chace, Geo. L. Crossman Melissa S. Dearborn.

General Committee.

Rhode Island, Thomas J. Patty,	Marianna Gifford.
Salem. Geo. L. Crossman,	Abbie H. Kelley.
Sandwich. Joshua L. Macomber.	Sarah Hazel.
Falmouth. Elbridge H. Packard,	Anna J. Goddard.
Smithfield. Elisha T. Read.	Alice M. Dow.
Vassalboro. Linwood W. Jones.	Abbie P. Jenkins
Dover, Clarence I. Pinkham,	Elizabeth B. Lord,
Fairfield, Me. Irving Bailey	Martha B. Osborne.
Parsonsfield, Thomas N. Haag.	Melissa S. Dearborn,

Statistical Report

Location of School.	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership Schools.	Average Attendance
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting				
Portsmouth.	John B. Grinnell, Portsmouth, R. I.	Rhode Island	45	27
Newport.	R. C. Wetherell.	Rhode Island	40	25
Lower Smithfield	Louisa N. Meader, 32 Barton St. Pawtucket	Providence	80	50
Providence.	Robert P. Gifford. Providence, R. I.	Providence	30	23
Somerset.	G. M. Chace, Box 335; Fall River.	Swansea	94	47
Fall River.	Herbert A. Skinner, Fall River.	Swansea	102	39
East Greenwich	Lydia E. Dinkwater E. Greenwich R.I.	E. Greenwich	12	9
	Totals - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -	403	240
New England				
Amesbury	Daniel C. Mayfield, 12 R.R. Ave., Amesbury.	Amesbury.	53	33
Boston	Thomas Wood, 215 State St Boston.	Boston.	45	28
East Lynn.	Chas. E. Bishop, 40 Ireson Ave., Lynn.	Salem.	200	113
Henniker.	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	—	-
Lawrence.	Stephen Swett. Haverhill, Mass.	Boston.	85	70
Lowell.	Chas Kelley. Lowell Mass.	Boston.	8	7
Lynn.	Geo. C. Herbert, 17 Chatham St. Lynn.	Salem.	131	83
North Weare.	Harriet N. Jones, North Weare, N.H.	Weare.	27	21
Salem.	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	23	17
South Pittsfield	A. N. Peaslee, So. Pittsfield, N.H.	Amesbury	—	-
West Epping	Moses C. Nichols, West Epping, N.H.	Amesbury	12	8
	Totals - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	386	380
Saratoga				
Allens Neck.	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	94	52
Mattapoisett.	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	23	17
Smiths Neck.	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	50	24
Central Village.	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	46	33
Central Village	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -		
Marpole Mission.	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	57	40
Long Plain.	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	28	13
Acushnet.	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	10	6
New Bedford.	Nathil N. Gifford		175	90
	Totals - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	485	278
Falmouth				
Casco.	S. A. Hall, Casco, Me.	Windham.	18	14
Deering.	Wm. J. Hacker, Westbrook, Me.	Falmouth.	28	18
East Durham.	Marlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.	Durham.	42	35
Lewiston.	J. F. Richards, 68 Wood St, Lewiston.	Lewiston.	93	64
Portland.	Fred C. Dearborn, 47 Winter St. Portland.	Falmouth.	84	49
South Durham.	Henry M. Snow. South Durham Me.	Durham.	-	35
Windham.	Elijah Cook, Windham, Centre.	Windham.	40	19
	Totals - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	307	234

No. of Trustees	No. of Classes	Resigning during year	Religious Exercises	Are Teachers Meetings held?	Volumes in Library	Books added during year	Lesson Helps used	Kinds of Papers used	Number of Papers distributed	Temperance Zeal	Benevolence	Is Christian Day observed	Months of School
—	5	1	—	No.	400	153	A	2	240	4	—	No	12
15	5	0	—	No.	430	10	—	2	600	12	0	No	12
24	6	12	Yes	—	125	0	S.B.H.	4	660	12	2	No	12
23	4	—	Yes	No	200	0	D	1	60	—	—	No	—
61	9	2	Yes	No	269	70	B.A.	6	1330	4	0	No	12
48	9	—	Yes	Irregular	308	0	A.D.E.	5	3180	4	0	No	12
9	2	0	Yes	No	120	0	B.I.	None	0	1	0	No	12
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
40	5	—	—	None	260	8	A.B.	4	660	4	—	No	12
44	4	—	—	Weekly	200	—	A.B.	2	600	4	0	No	12
—	19	—	Yes	None	350	101	A.	2	—	4	1	Yes	12
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
48	7	—	—	Quartely	70	—	B.	2	540	4	2	No	12
7	1	—	Yes	None	—	—	B.	—	—	1	1	No	12
58	16	4	Yes	Irregular	840	43	A.D.	3	—	4	None	Yes	12
20	3	—	—	None	509	1	A.B.F.	3	—	4	—	No	12
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	4	—	No	None	—	0	A.	None	—	4	None	No	12
12	2	—	—	None	75	12	F.	None	—	—	—	No	12
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	12	—	—	—	440	70	—	2	—	4	—	—	10
109	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	2	0	—	No	74	4	A.	4	—	4	—	No	12
21	3	—	—	No	184	17	A.	4	—	4	—	No	12
20	4	0	Yes.	No	208	60	B.	4	480	4	0	No	12
50	11	2	Yes.	No	208	60	B	4	480	4	0	No	12
66	7	1	Yes.	No	243	26	A,B.	None	—	4	0	No	12
—	7	—	Yes.	Weekly.	116	—	A.	1	—	4	—	Yes	12
29	4	0	No.	No.	220	—	None.	2	144	4	—	No	12
195	38	3	—	—	1253	167	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Statistical Report Continued.

Smithfield				
West Mansfield	None appointed	Woonsocket	6	4
Bolton	Alfred Dow, Hudson, Mass.	Bolton.	55	39
Northbridge	Salome C Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.	Uxbridge	18	15
Worcester.	L. M. Babcock, 17 Sudbury St.	Uxbridge.	20	13
Woonsocket	James S. Read, Woonsocket.	Smithfield	181	102
	Totals		280	173
Waldo Co.				
Brooks.	Mary Staples, Brook, Me.	Unity.	40	20
China.	Geo. C. Roberts, China, Me.	China.	30	25
E Vassalboro	Abbie P. Jenkins, E. Vassalboro.	Vassalboro.	30	20
Maple Grove.	J. W. Plummer, Fort Fairfield, Me.	Unity.	30	22
South China	Emma L Plaisted, South China, Me.	China.	78	45
Unity	Etta M Varney, Unity, Me.	Unity.	25	20
West China	Alfred H. Jones, China, Me.	China.	20	18
	Totals		245	170
Dover				
Dover.	Alice R. Estes, 36 Silver St, Dover.	Dover.	20	12
Gonic.	Clarence E. Pinkham, Gonic, N. H.	Dover.	45	21
North Berwick	William T. Hussey.	Berwick.	10	6
Rochester.	Eli Meader, Rochester, N. H	Dover.	20	6
	Totals		95	45
Augusta.	James Plummer, Cor. Elm + Chestnut Sts.	Winthrop.	31	14
Hallowell	A. F. Morse Hallowell. Me.	Windthrop	20	10
Manchester	A. W. Harker, Manchester. Me.	Winthrop.	41	28
North Fairfield	Geo. R. Wing, No. Fairfield. Me.	Lidney	45	22
Sidney	Sarah E. Shephard, Centre Sidney.	Lidney.	30	23
St. Albans	J. W. Chandler, St. Albans Me.	St. Albans	34	13
Winthrop Centre	C. S. Bailey. Winthrop Centre Me.	Winthrop.	166	89
N. Gardiner	Mark Osborne. Manchester.	Winthrop.	33	16
	Totals		390	209
East Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland E. Parsonsfield.	Parsonsfield.	45	20
N. Sandwich	Cornelius Turner. No. Sandwich.	Sandwich.	41	20
	Totals		86	40

6	1	—	—	no	—	0	—	1	—	0	0	no	—
35	7	0	—	no	292	0	—	1	—	0	0	no	—
7	3	5	—	no	150	0	B.	4	96	0	0	no	12
14	2	0	yes	no	300	0	A.B.F.	4	386	4	1	no	12
38.	11	—	—	Weekly	553	60	A.B	3	900	2	2	no	12
78	24	5			1295	60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	3	—	no	no	50	30	A.	—	—	4	2	—	9
20	3	—	—	no	85	85	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
15	3	0	no	Irregular	165	14	A.	2	770	4	4	no	12
9	—	0	no	no	0	—	A.	—	—	2	2	—	9
43	6	2	yes	—	150	18	A.B.	—	—	4	—	yes	12.
20	3	0	no	no.	no	—	G.	—	—	2	—	no	12.
10	—	0	yes.	no	?	—	G.	—	—	—	—	yes	12.
27	18	2			450	147	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	3	—	—	no	—	—	B.	1	72	4	0	no	12
22	3	?	yes	no.	174	—	A.	3	--	4	0	no	12
10	1	—	—	—	—	—	A.	—	—	—	—	—	12
15	3	—	—	—	—	—	G.	1	—	—	—	—	—
65	10	—			174	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	3	—	—	—	none	—	A.	2	500	4	1	no	12
10	3	—	—	no	—	—	B.	—	—	—	—	no	12
20	8	1	—	—	—	—	A	6	795	4	—	no	12
21	5	15	yes	—	175	100	A.	1	100	4	—	no	12
10	4	9	—	—	—	1	A.	—	—	4	1	yes	12
16	3	0	no	no	none	—	B.	2	10	4	0	no	12
66	11	—	—	Weekly	337	0	A.	none	—	4	1	no	12
14	4	3	—	no.	—	—	A	1	900	4	—	no	12
165	36	28			512	101	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
39	4	3	—	no.	240	2	B	4	52	4	2	no	12
27	3	1	yes	Weekly.	142	21	A.	2	—	0	0	no	12
66	7	4			382	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Adjourned

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Third-day Morning, Sixth Month 12th.
The Meeting assembled in separate sessions pursuant to adjournment.

41. Epistles from Western, Baltimore, North Carolina, Canada, Indiana, and Iowa have been read.

42. Iowa Yearly Meeting informs that it has granted a request for the establishment of California Yearly Meeting to be opened at Whittier, Cal., in the Third Month 1895.
The action is approved by this Meeting, Women Friends concurring.

43. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of society as developed in the answers to the queries.
The answers are as follows;—

Summary.

1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held except forty, some of the meetings at Nantucket and a few not enumerated. One Quarterly Meeting reports exceptions, but gives no number.
First-day meetings are duly attended by the larger part of our members and near the appointed hour. Mid-week meetings are much neglected but one Meeting reports a great improvement in this respect.

2. Love and unity are in a good degree manifested. Not wholly clear as to detraction. Endeavors are used to end difficulties when they arise, but not always as speedily as would be best.

3. There has been a care manifested by most Friends to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to influence their children and others in accordance with our Christian profession; we feel, however, that greater faithfulness is desirable.

4. Most Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty.
The Quarterly Meetings have endeavored, but have not been able to ascertain the exact number of exceptions though there appear a definite number, but testimony to the free gospel ministry is maintained with a few exceptions.

5. Friends, with thirty-two exceptions, abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, mostly clear as to the other parts of the query.

6. The circumstances of the poor have received due attention, and care is taken to educate their children.

7. With a few exceptions, clear as to military matters and with clear as to defrauding the public revenue

8. We think the Friends are careful, with a few exceptions, to respect their offers and settle their accounts, that they are also punctual to their promises and prompt in the payment of debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9. With little exception, our records are well attended to have removals without certificates.

10. There is a care to administer the discipline as queried after.

Minute on the State of Society.

44. The various matters upon which we are questioned claimed our careful thought. The large number of omissions in the holding of meetings, due largely to their isolated locations and the smallness of the number constituting them, called forth our sympathy. We rejoice in the encouragement of our members, in the hope that with continued faithfulness, the waste places may yet be builded, and more cheering reports received in the near future. Full and clear instruction to our children, and to such as may come amongst us, in reference to military matters, as well as the use of civil oaths, is highly important.

Our testimony against all war, and against all that appertains to war, in any of its departments is clear and unmistakable. It is greatly to be hoped that none of our members may give countenance in any way to any custom which tends to foster the war spirit; and not that alone, but to be watchful on all suitable occasions to use their positive influence for peace, as the natural results of love that thinketh no evil. The immunity which the State grants us in the matter of oaths ought never to be lightly regarded, since it is achieved at the cost of suffering and of blood.

In earnest and stirring words we were exhorted to steadfastness in our adherence to Scripture teaching on this point. Especially we Friends urged to faithfulness in shielding their boys from the influence of military drills in our schools.

Our love to God, one of which proves love to our fellows, which makes the infliction of bodily harm impossible, should make us gratefully careful that no word would be

dropped that might soil the good name of another.

Let us not look for ill in another; let us not believe evil of a brother, except upon unquestionable proof. The remedy for any temptation in this direction lies in a purification of heart by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

48. The Trustees of the H. H. Mosher Fund presented their report, which is accepted, viz.:—

Report of the Trustees of the Mosher Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The funds in our hands are as follows:—

City of Boston Registered 3% Bond	$10,000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings deposit	1,078.63
Lynn " " " "	2,630.34
	$13,709.19

We have received five hundred dollars interest on the city of Boston Bond, and paid the same to J. E. Paige, Treasurer of the Committee, to disburse the same.

For the Trustees,
Owen Lane.

Newport, Sixth Month 12th, 1894.

Report of Committee on income of the Mosher Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The one hundred and fifty copies of "The Friends, Who they are — What they have done," by William Beck, came during this year, and were distributed, which were ordered from England by the Committee of last year; fifteen additional copies were purchased. This book has proved to be one of unusual adaptation for the fulfilment of the trust of the Mosher Fund.

More copies were desired, but as the funds at the disposal of the committee have been delayed in coming into the hands of the treasurer, such copies have not been ordered.

One hundred and five copies of the "Friends Review" and fifty-three copies of the "Christian Worker" have been subscribed for, and are now being read and much appreciated.

Seventy-three copies of our "New England Discipline" have been purchased.

Two hundred and four copies of "The Golden Text, or, Why We Children are Friends," by G. Hopkins, have been distributed; some were handed to mothers of young children, some to young persons in our Bible schools, who were inquirers for the "Principles of the Christian Religion," as held by the Society of Friends.

Copies of the "Life of Stephen Grellet" were bought for the committee to lend, with a view to the distribution of the work.
Ten dollars has been appropriated for the printing of tracts.

Alfred H. Jones, Chairman.
Sarah Marble, Secretary.

Newport, R.I., Sixth Month 7th, 1894.

Committee on Mosher Fund

Alfred H. Jones.	Sarah Marble.
Esther Jones	T. Warren Harkes.
J. Elwood Paige.	Susan Peckham.
Ruth S. Murray.	Samuel Buffum.

Trustees of Mosher Fund.

Charles M. Bailey. Olney T. Meader.
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H. H. Mosher Fund.
Treasurer's account.
Receipts.

Balance from last year's report	$ 301.09
Received " Trustees	500.00
Interest	2.60
	$803.69

Payments.

165 copies of "The Friends," by W. Beck.	$ 200.74
73 " "Book of Discipline"	21.90
204 " "Golden Clew"	86.40
7 " Stephen Crisp	7.00
Express and postage on above	13.21
145 subscriptions to "Friends Review"	217.50
53 " to "Christian Worker"	53.00
For printing tracts	10.00
Sundry small expenses by Committee	3.73
	$613.48

$ 803.69
613.48
$190.21

J. E. Paige, Treasurer.

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46. The answers to the queries on the Meeting on Oversight and Ministry, together with a Minute of that Meeting, have been read, viz:-

Summary Answers to the Queries for The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

1. We are diligently attending our meetings for worship and discipline; careful also to promote the attendance of our families with a little exception in each of these duties noted by three Quarterly Meetings.

2. We are in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which we belong. Two Quarterly Meetings qualify their answers by saying "in good degree" or "in good measure".

Our labor in gathering unto Christ is in harmony, with little exception mentioned by the Quarterly Meeting.

3. We are frequently engaged in searching the Holy Scriptures under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and, with little exception reported to our Quarterly Meeting, careful not to misquote or misapply them.

Minute On State of Society From The Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

47 The answers to the queries have impressed us that our members are working in harmony and love to upbuild the Church of Christ and to gather into His fold. There is an evident desire to have the banner of love always over us, and we knit together in love, and to lose sight of self and individual preferences that the will of the Master may be done in us and through us.

It is felt that there is a place of service both for old and young, and that the Lord's anointing is the one necessary qualification. Christian duties and religious life and service should begin at home, and the family should be the nursing of the Church.

Effectiveness and power in family worship, in public worship, in Mission Work, and in every sphere are measured by the completeness of our individual consecration. We are joined to plead earnestly for the preparation of more of the members of our meetings for service as Ministers, that the power of the Church may be multiplied.

We have realized anew that we need greater effort and consecration, so in touch with the Divine life that currents of life may go out through us. The message for today,

as of old, is, "Speak to the people that they go forward." May we all possess life more abundant, power that prevails, fresh girding for the Lord's work, realizing that the central thought of our existence should be the conversion of sinners, and the edifying of the body in the faith and love of the Gospel of Christ. This is the primary cause of being joined together in a Christian body; all other things are secondary. With our hearts full of faith in our Master, we are encouraged to go into our special field of service to win new trophies of victory. Though we may at times seem to be but a remnant of Israel, we are exhorted to consider earnestly how we may best preach Christ.

A deep solemnity has overspread us, as we have realized the short period allotted to us, the approaching departure of some who for many years have kept the faith amongst us, and that we are to live clean, pure, transparent lives, free from all that would in any way dishonor the Holy cause of our Lord and Master, too conscious of our own infirmities to speak a word of slander or even to listen to it. We know of no better way to preach Christ than to wait for His word and to let Him speak through us without hindrance.

The minister needs to be indefinitely larger in life and character than anything he says, for the personality goes deeper than mere words can. It is with God to bestow gifts, but it is for us to stir up the gifts that have been received and to see that no talent lies unused. It is our part to sow the seed, the great Husbandman alone can bring it to fruit.

It is the sense of this Meeting that the members of it shall feel free to invite such Friends as may thereby be helped in their Christian life and experience and be a help to us by their presence to attend the various sessions of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and it is

directed that this information be brought to the Yearly Meeting

Rufus M. Jones, Clerk.

48. We unite in a proposition made, that Overseers of Monthly Meetings be considered members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, ex-officio, Women's Meeting concurring.

47. The Records of the Representative Meeting were read and approved. Request from that Meeting to consider the subject of expenses of Friends attending our Yearly Meetings with Minutes from other Meetings, is referred to the Representatives, Women's Meeting concurring.

50. We refer to the Representative Meeting to be appointed the subject of bequests mentioned in Minutes of that Meeting, Eighth Month, 1893. Also the matter of building a vault for the preservation of our records. Also the re-investment of $3000 R. I. State Bonds, maturing in Eighth Month, in all of which the Women's Meeting concur.

51. Our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings are directed to make suitable provision for the safe keeping of their records, also to re-copy records when they become illegible.

Records

52. It is concluded that the Yearly Meeting in 1895 be held in Portland, Me., Women Friends concurring.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Third-day Evening.

The Meeting assembled in joint session near the hour appointed.

53. The Committee on Temperance presented their Report, it is as follows;—

Report of Committee on Temperance.

To The Yearly Meeting:-

Dear Friends:— As we review the past year of discovered opportunity and service, we rejoice to report that something has been done, though the latter seems small, and not equal to the former because of the meagre financial aid.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor have been encouraged to take up the temperance topic assigned for them, and some have replied that they do.

We have striven to be faithful as superintendents of and teachers in the Bible Schools. The temperance lessons as they occur in the quarterlies, are quite generally used.

One of our number has labored in the public schools, another has written very many articles which received the approval of editors, others have distributed many pages of literature not supplied by our Superintendent, who writes that her labors have not been made as there have been few calls. She has sent out three thousand three pages of tracts and tracts, and in addition has distributed nine hundred at the State Reform School of New Hampshire one hundred and twenty copies of four page papers, also similar papers at the Public Reading Room of the W.C.T.U.; at the Boys' Reading Room, at the City Farm and House of Correction, State Woman's Reformatory, and Box at Depot.

In several cities much work has been done against License and for Prohibition.

Some have held public Temperance meetings, a few of these being one of the Quarterly Meeting sessions, aside from those reported by our Superintendent of Lectures, who renders the following:- Thirty-five

lectures and forty addresses, sermons, and temperance talks have been given during the year by members of the Committee and others employed for that purpose. Some work on all these lines has been done in each of the Quarterly Meetings. The professional lecturers employed from outside the Yearly Meeting were William Hubbard of Ohio, Emelie W. Burgess of New York, and Josephine Nichols of Indiana; each of these did excellent effectual work, acceptable to Friends and appreciated by others. The public press gave good and very satisfactory reports.

It is only by the Treasury being supplemented by individuall donations from Friends and others that we have been enabled to do what we have on both lines of literature and lectures.

We would recommend that $200 be appropriated for the temperance work next year. We recommend that the Yearly Meeting memorialize Congress in view of the numerous petitions which have been laid before it for nearly a quarter of a century, asking them to appoint a Commission of Inquiry with regard to the liquor traffic, and its effects upon our national prosperity, remembering that "While righteousness exalteth a nation, sin is a reproach to any people", also that our epistles to other Yearly Meetings request their co-operation in this appeal.

Much of our labor may have been seed sown, from which fruit will come, we trust.

Intemperance is a plant of which our Saviour said, "Every plant which my Heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up" and this will be greatly aided when the sanctified heart causes the sanctified hand to cast a sanctified ballot. Hoping for a deeper interest which shall result in greater activity for Prohibition among the individuals of our Society so that the

world may know that part of the Christians known as the Society of Friends are willing to be found on God's side inviting him to make it a majority, we submit the above.

Mary H Robinson
Secretary.

We commend this important subject to the attention of all our members under a strong conviction of the necessity of earnest efforts in striving to stem the tide of evil which now seems likely to overspread our land. And while we thus labor may we be very careful that our own hands are clean in regard to any participation in this evil.

The subject of memorializing Congress as proposed by the Committee was referred to the Temperance Committee.

Thomas Wood, Frank A. Morse, James Estes, Mary A. Chase, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Mary H. Jones were appointed to propose to this meeting the names of suitable Friends to have the charge of this subject for the coming year.

Committee on Temperance in account with
Elisha T. Read, Treasurer.

Receipts.

Received from Monthly Meeting Treas.		$70.68
" "	Henry Taber	5.00
" "	Collection at Woonsocket	5.00
" "	Boston Preparative Meeting	.42
	Total - - - - -	$101.10

Expenditures.

Paid on account of Literature	$19.66
" " " " Lectures	78.52
Balance on hand	2.92
Total	$101.10

Respectfully submitted,
Elisha T. Read,
Treasurer.

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 11th, 1894.

Organization of Temperance Committee.

Chairman, Joseph H. Atwater, Providence R. I.
Secretary, Mary H. Robinson, Brunswick, Me.
Treasurer, Elisha T. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.
Superintendent of Literature, Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Superintendent of Lectures, Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.

Executive Committee.

Joseph H. Atwater. Mary H. Robinson.
Elisha T. Read. Mary A. Chase.
Hannah J. Bailey.

General Committee on Temperance

Joseph H. Atwater. Lucy A. Snow.
Louisa K. Meader. George H. Oates.
William Wood. Elizabeth L. Jones.
Mary A. Chase. Charles Peaslee.
Joshua L. Macomber. Emeline H. Tuttle.
George L. Chapman. Hannah J. Bailey.
Susan M. Seabury. Mary W. Jones.
Mary E. Bayliss. Alfred W. Hawkes.
Elisha T. Read. Leslie O. Meader.
Ella L. Andrews. Julia A. Kimball.
Josiah B. Holden. Mary L. Cobb.
Mary H. Robinson.

Adjourned to meet in separate session tomorrow at ten o'clock.

Fourth-day Morning, Sixth month.

The Meeting again assembled in separate sessions.

5-4. The Committee for that purpose presented a returning Minute for J. Lindley Spicer as follows:—

J. Lindley Spicer attended this Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us; and recommended that similar ones be furnished to

William Thomas Willis, Fernando G. Cartland, Mary J. Weaver, Lauretta Prince, Eden Prince, Franklin Meredith and his wife Mary Moore Meredith, and Noah W. McLean.
The Minute is approved by this and the Woman's Meeting, and the clerk is directed to furnish each of the above with a copy signed on our behalf.

5-5. We appoint Jonathan Jones and Samuel Buffum to represent us at Washington, if the urgency of the case shall require, in reference to Indian Commissioners, etc., as stated in Minute No. 23, and they are at liberty to draw on our Treasurer for expenses incurred.

5-6. Minutes of the Finance Committee from Sandwich and Dover Quarterly Meetings being absent, the representatives from those Meetings propose Edward S. Dillingham, Susan F. Hoxie, Eliza P. Price, and Samuel Buffum, which nominations are approved.

5-7. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year, which nominations are approved, Women Friends concurring. (Note.) The names appear in the usual place in the minutes.

5-8. The Auditors presented their report which is satisfactory.

Auditors Report.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Receipts.

Balance last year			$1,145.84
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting			530.00
Salem	"	"	450.00
Sandwich	"	"	500.00
Falmouth	"	"	212.50
Smithfield	"	"	150.00

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	$137.50
Dover " "	150.00
Fairfield " "	300.00
Parsonsfield " "	50.00
Loan by note on demand	1,000.00
Sales of Book of Discipline	32.10
Dividends and Interest	87.29
	$4,765.23

Expenditures.

Paid expense of Yearly Meeting at Portland	$397.03
" Rent " Safe Deposit Box	5.00
" Interest on Oak Grove Note	100.00
" Principal (account " " ")	500.00
(Balance due on note 8th month 14th 1893 $1,500)	
Paid Executive Committee Western Indians	525.00
" Committee on Freedmen	500.00
" Printing Stationary & Copying	512.77
" Expressage	3.96
" Incidentals	19.17
" Loan returned	1,000.00
" Interest on Loan	41.84
" Balance in Treasurers hands	1,160.46
	$4,765.23

Boston Meeting House Fund.

Balance last year	$2,336.33
Received income	225.00
Principal of the Fund (Bonds)	9000.00
	$11,561.33
Paid to Overseers of Monthly Meeting	11,561.33

We find the accounts correctly kept with the proper vouchers. We recommend that the sum of twenty five hundred dollars be raised for use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate Samuel R. Buffington for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, James H. Chace for " of the Providence School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs for Treasurer of the Oak Grove Seminary Funds.

In behalf of the Committee,
Owen Lamb.
Robert D. Gifford.

Newport, Sixth month 12th, 1894.

We approve of the recommendation that the sum of $25.00 be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting, and Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of said sum to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting on or before the first of Fifth month next. We also appoint Samuel R. Buffington as Treasurer of the Meeting, James H. Chase as Treasurer of the Providence School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary Funds. Women Friends concurring.

59. It is concluded to expunge so much of our discipline on Page 81, edition 1887, as relates to the hour of holding Yearly Meetings for Worship, leaving that for the Committee of Arrangements to determine, Women's Meeting concurring.

60. We request the Representative Meeting to consider the advisability of a revision and reprint of our Book of Discipline and report their judgement thereon, Women Friends concurring.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Fourth-day Afternoon, Sixth month 13th.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

61. The London General Epistle for 1894 has been read, and its clear and earnest counsel is commended to our membership.
The clerk is directed to cause a reprint of one thousand five hundred copies for distribution

Epistle from Wilmington [illegible] Am. Fly's [illegible]

62. The Epistle from Wilmington Yearly Meeting was read.

63. Joint Epistles to London and Dublin Yearly Meetings and to the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah, also an epistle addressed to all the American Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved, and the Clerk, is directed to sign and forward them to clerks of those Yearly Meetings.

64. William Thompson is added to the Board of Trustees holding the Mission property in Ramallah.

[illegible] Committee [illegible] report.

65. Yearly Meetings Committee on Finance presented their report which is adopted

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Finance recommends that the following appropriations be made from the treasury of the Yearly Meeting:—

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian affairs	$825.00
For principal and interest on Oak Grove notes	375.00
" Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	300.00
	$1,500.00

[illegible] recommend that the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting be authorized to loan to the treasurer of the Temperance Committee the sum of $50.00; to the treasurer of the Gospel Committee the sum of $200.00; and to the treasurer of the Committee on Peace the sum of $50.00, for the immediate use of the several committees, the same to be returned to the treasury of the Yearly Meeting from the offerings received from the members throughout the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee,

Phebe S. Aydelott, Secretary

Newport, Sixth Month 13th, 1894.

We do, therefore, authorize our treasurer to advance the following sums, viz.:-

To Treasurer of Gospel Committee $ 200.00
To Treasurer of Temperance Committee [illegible]
" " " Peace Committee 50.00
the sum to be repaid on its receipt from voluntary offerings.

[illegible] 66. Timothy B. Hussey, on behalf of the delegates chosen to attend the World's Peace Congress at Chicago, reported his attendance, the proceedings of which our members are encouraged to supply themselves with, and which can be had of Benjamin F. Trueblood, Boston, Mass.

[illegible] 67. The Representative Meeting is requested to appoint delegates to attend the opening of California Yearly Meeting, if any way should open for it.

[illegible] 68. The Representatives report on several subjects which were referred to them as follows:-

1. We recommend that the action of the Yearly Meeting, as expressed in Minute No. 49 of 1893, be rescinded.

Baptism and The Supper of the Lord.

2. We express our conviction that our Lord appointed no outward rite or ceremony for observance in His Church. We accept every command of our Lord as what we believe to be its genuine import, as conclusive. The question of the outward ordinances is with us, not as to the authority of Christ, but as to His real meaning. Our Lord was pleased to

make use of a variety of symbolical utterances, but he often gently upbraided his disciples for accepting literally what he had intended only in its spiritual meaning. The new covenant of grace is declared by the great apostle of the Gentiles to be "not of the letter but of the spirit." — (2 Cor. III. 6, R.V.); also (Rom. XIV. 17, R.V.)

Numerous are the declarations that the ceremony of eating and drinking and other outward rites have ceased to be obligatory. We hold therefore that the sacraments of the New Covenant are of the same spiritual nature of the covenant itself. (Heb. IX. 9, 10; R.V.); (Col. II. 13, 14, R.V.); (1 Cor. VIII. 8. R.V.) (Gal. IV. 9, 10 and 31, R.V.); (Rom. II. 28, 29 R.V.)

"One Lord, one faith, one baptism," Eph. IV. 6. R.V.
"John answered saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but there cometh He that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire". — (Luke III. 16. R.V.)
We believe the one baptism of the Gospel dispensation is that of Christ, who baptizes His people with the Holy Ghost, Since He opened the new and living way which He hath dedicated for us through the vail, that is to say His flesh, we have access by faith and enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, without the intervention of priest or ordinance or any mediation but that of Christ the one Mediator. — (Heb. X. 19. 21. R.V.)

The one baptism which now saveth, and which is essential to a living membership in His church, is that which He himself administers as the glorious Minister of the Sanctuary, the baptism with Holy Spirit, as saith the apostle, For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body" (1 Cor. XII. 13. R.V.)
It is only under this baptism that any can

be truly made members of the family of the redeemed or be taught to understand the new relation to which God has called them, by His grace, under the new and everlasting covenant.
We believe that the true supper of the Lord is the communion which His believing children are enabled to hold with Him through the realization of the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in their hearts who hath cleansed them from all sin through the offering of His body and the shedding of His blood upon the cross. This communion is described by Him in the words, "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me."—(Rev. III. 20 R.V.) This experience is essential to the life of the Christian. It is only in the strength of this communion that he can pursue his heavenward journey, or bring forth fruit unto holiness; for saith our blessed Lord, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood ye have not life in yourselves."—(John VI 53, 58. (R.V.)
We recommend that the foregoing statement be printed in the Minutes of this Meeting, with a view to its being adopted as a part of our discipline, if the Yearly Meeting shall so decide, next year.

3. We recommend that no change be made in the discipline respecting the duties of Monthly Meetings in the case of Friends travelling in the Ministry

4. It is proposed for the Yearly Meeting next year to appoint all its Standing Committees, except the Finance Committee, but including the Representative Meeting, in the following manner, viz.;—

One third of each Committee for one year, one third for two years, one third for three years

and thereafter to appoint in each succeeding year one third of each Committee, to succeed those whose term of service expires in that year.

Quarterly Meetings are directed when they appoint their Representatives to the Yearly Meeting to appoint two Friends in each Quarterly Meeting (one man and one woman), and these together shall constitute the Yearly Meetings Committee on Finance for the year following, the said Committee to organize by choosing one of their number for Secretary.

69. The several subjects referred to the Representatives were now acted upon.

70. We therefore now rescind the direction contained in Minute No 49 of last year.

71. An article upon the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper presented by the Representatives is approved by this Meeting and is directed to be printed in our Minutes with a view to adopt it as discipline next year.

72. We find no legislation necessary in regard to providing for Friends travelling in the Ministry.

73. We also adopt the proposition of the Representatives in relation to Standing Committees,

74. Also for the appointment of the Yearly Meeting's Finance Committee by the Quarterly Meetings.

75. The following nominations for auxiliary members of the Committee on Foreign Missions are approved, the same made auxiliary to the Committee.

(Names will appear in connection with

the names of the Foreign Mission Committee)

76. The Committee of Arrangements are authorized to act in the matter of providing for the needs of Friends attending our Yearly Meeting with satisfactory credentials, as their judgement may direct.

77. It is directed that two thousand six hundred copies of our Minutes be printed and the clerks are authorized to attend to the same and Almira B. Puffinn and John Elwood Paige are appointed to assist them therein.

78. Quarterly Meetings are directed to send up one set of answers to the queries to the Yearly Meeting next year.

79. The following committee has been appointed to make all necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which are now or may be then under appointment, viz.;—

Charles M. Jones, Edwd. L. Douglas, Samuel R. Puffinton, Thomas Wood, Oscar F. Morse, Robert S. Gifford, William T. Hussey, Myra B. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Hannah J. Bailey, Susan Peckham, and Charles Estes.

80. We desire to acknowledge the gracious presence of our Heavenly Father during the sittings of this Yearly Meeting. The spirit of brotherly love and condescension with which the various affairs of the Church have been considered has been unbroken.

And now with earnest prayer that the year which opens before may be, to all our membership, one of consecrated service, and consequently one of fruitfulness, we conclude, purposing to meet in first session at Portland, Me., at the

established time next year, if the Lord permit

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Timothy P. Hussey,
Anna G. Wood, } Clerks

Standing Committees of the Yearly Meeting.
Members of the Representative Meeting

Samuel R. Buffinton.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Augustine Jones.
Alice C. Earle.
William C. Newhall.
Alice W. Mayfield.
Lucy T. Herbert.
Joseph D. Wood.
John P. Bayliss.
Edward T. Tucker.
Susan F. Hoxie.
Ruth S. Murray.
Charles M. Jones.
S. Jane Cox.
Mary H. Robinson.
Ezra Hawkes.
Salome C. Wheler.
Isaac Steere.
George F. Varney.
Daniel C. Mayfield.
Owen Dame.
Melissa S. Dearborn.
Charles A. Chace.
Charles F. Andrews.

D. Wheler Swift
Eliza P. Pierce.
Elizabeth K. Jones.
Henry H. Goddard.
J. Albert Jones.
Timothy P. Hussey.
Anna M. Hussey.
William T. Tuttle.
Lydia M. C. Tuttle.
J. Warren Hawkes.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Jesse McPherson.
Joseph C. Briggs.
John B. Cartland.
Eunice D. Cartland.
Silas H. Cartland.
Lydia A. Cartland.
John J. Frye.
David J. Douglas.
Lucy R. Goddard.
Sarah J. Swift.
Anna G. Wood.
Alice M. Dow.
George L. Crossman.
Olney T. Meader.

Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education.
Chairman, George A. Barton.
Treasurer, J. Ellwood Paige.

George A. Barton.
Caroline Jones Deering Me.
Anna F. Hall.
Rufus M. Jones.
Ruthannia H. Washburne.
Myra E. Frye.
John Ellwood Paige
Phebe W. Sawtelle.
Ruth S. Murray.
Gertrude W. Cartland.
Sarah Marble.
Wilmot R. Jones.

Committee on Peace.

Committee on Peace.
Chairman, Augustine Jones, Providence R. I.
Treasurer, Thomas Wood, 213 State St. Boston Mass.
Secretary Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.

Hannah J. Bailey.
Silas H. Cartland.
Sylvester S. Aldrich
Nathaniel W. Gifford.
Ellen Bangs.
Mary C. Baylies.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
James M. Estes.
George H. Fay
Martha E. Hoage.
Elizabeth L. Jones.
S. Jane Cox.
Sarah A. Hill.
Caroline Alice Jones.
Gertrude W. Cartland.

Committee on Lectures.

Sub-Committee on Lectures.
Hannah J. Bailey.

Committee on Literature.

Sub-Committee on Literature.
Elizabeth L. Jones.
Mary C. Baylies.
Martha E. Hoag.
Hannah J. Bailey, Member of Peace Association in America.

Committee on Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

Committee on Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.
Chairman, Charles M. Bailey.
Secretary, I. Warren Hawkes.
Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs.

Charles M. Bailey.
C. Irving Bailey.
Charles M. Jones.
Joseph E. Briggs.
John J. Frye.
Eliza B. Douglas.
Herbert C. Jepson.
William H. Douglas.
Henry Winslow.
Hannah J. Bailey.

George L. Crosman.
Timothy B. Hussey.
Frank B. Jones.
Alfred H. Jones.
Isaac C. Winslow.
S. Warren Hawkes.
Elwood A. Bailey.
Jesse Mc Pherson.
George H. Cates.
Rufus M. Jones.

Marion M. Bailey.
Myra C. Frye.
Ruthanna H. Washburn
S. Jane Cox.
Emma S. Briggs.
Mary C. Faber.
Sarah Marble.
Eliza P. Pierce.
Lettie M. Bailey.
Elnora S. Hoxie
Mary G. Winslow.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents of Bible Schools.

Rhode Island, Mary L. Chace.
Salem, Sarah D. Brown.
Sandwich, Sarah H. Faber.
Falmouth, Lewie M. Douglas.
Smithfield, Dorcas H. Babcock.
Vassalboro. Annie M. Briggs.
Dover, William T. Hussey.
Fairfield, Alfred W. Hawkes.
Parsonsfield Cornelius Turner.

Committee on Finance.

Rhode Island, Samuel R. Buffington, Phebe S. Aydelott
Salem, Evan Lane, Anna M. Gove.
Sandwich, John C. Taylor, Susan T. Thompson.
Falmouth, Charles M. Jones, Myra C. Frye.
Smithfield, Isaac Steere, Sarah J. Croft.
Vassalboro, William C. Jones Emily S. Weeks.
Dover, William T. Tuttle, Almira R. [illegible]
Fairfield, Joseph C. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey.
Parsonsfield, Silas H. Cartland, Melissa S. Dearborn

Financial Secretary.

Phebe S. Aydelott, 70 Rock St. Fall River Mass.

Yearly Meeting Correspondents.

Joseph Cartland Newburyport Mass.
Samuel Buffum North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey. Winthrop Centre Me.

Epistle to London Yearly Meeting

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport R.I. by adjournments from the 8th of the Eighth Month to the 18th of the same, inclusive. 1894.

To London Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends:

Once again we have assembled on this beautiful island consecrated by the memory of worthies of the olden time, from whose ranks went those noble men and women who sealed their testimony with suffering and death. Tracing our history back to a common ancestry, now strengthened by the bond of brotherhood that unites in one the Friends of the old and the New England. One as to the essentials of a living precious faith, it is our earnest desire that nothing may interrupt the correspondence so long carried on between us.

We hail with interest whatever tends to foster friendly relations between our two countries. The principle of arbitration successfully applied to the adjustment of the Behring Sea difficulty, and the favor with which your government and ours are disposed to regard a general treaty, providing for the arbitration of all International questions, are favorable omens. On the other hand we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the military spirit is still active among our people. Boys' brigades, military drill in our schools, efforts for the establishment of a State militia, increasing expenditures in military and naval purposes, all remind us that the time is not yet come, when we may relax our efforts in the cause of peace among men. Yet — in view of the progress already made — our faith is strong that the day

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is rapidly approaching when war with its dread alarms, shall no longer disquiet the earth.

Our work at Ramallah still claims our active interest. We are hoping soon to be able to erect buildings which are much needed. It is cause of thankfulness that the hearts of the people are so open towards us, that they are so eager to place their children under our care. The cause and its claims have been brought vividly before us by those who have recently visited the Mission. We pray that the Lord will continue to send his servants to these harvest fields, till not alone at Brumana and Ramallah, but from Dan to Beersheba, "Incense may be offered, and a pure offering."

The needs of the Indians and Freedmen have aroused our sympathy. The educational and religious work of these oppressed races, in which we in common with all the Yearly Meetings in America are engaged, is second to none in importance.

We sympathize with you in your efforts for the prohibition, or restriction of the liquor traffic. It is a fruitful source of evil in our own country, an enemy alike to righteousness, thrift, and good government.

The reports of our two Boarding Schools have freshly awakened our interest in education. It has always been the aim of our people, that the education of their children should rest upon whatsoever is profitable for time and eternity on no other foundation can be builded the character of the strong man in Christ Jesus.

The importance of the Bible Schools has been pressed upon our attention, as

[illegible] leading to a more intimate acquaintance with the Scriptures, "Which is able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus." We desire that in all such study the great Author himself, shall be our teacher, our Commentator or guide.

Your epistles have come to hand during the Yearly meeting. Your sympathy and counsel have been a strength and comfort. "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethen". It is only in his strength and following His guidance that we can do any good thing. Word or work, apart from Him, will return to us void.

Dear Friends, let us be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might, and be able to say at last with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; hence forth is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which is the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but to all others also that love his appearing."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid,

Timothy B. Tussey, Clerk.

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Newport, R.I. by adjournments from the 8th of Sixth month to the 18th of the same, inclusive, 1894

To Dublin Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends;

We have at this time been deeply sensible of the goodness of our Heavenly Father, and we have had renewed desires to know His purpose concerning us.

Your epistle of love and sympathy, with expressions of kindly solicitude in regard to some of the movements among American Yearly Meetings has awakened a feeling of responsive love for you and desire that you may rightly understand our position in relation to the time honored principles of this Society. We are especially gratified that the bonds which for centuries have mutually bound us with you of the old world are not weakened, and we pray that we may so abide in Him who has called us "Friends" that we may all be one in that close union of Christian fellowship.

There is no tendency in this Yearly Meeting to slaken our zeal in maintaining our ancient testimony in favor of Peace throughout the world, and the settlement of differences by arbitration. We are working as our faithful predecessors did to secure justice and right with the blessings of education and christian civilization, for the Indian and Freedman. We are each year impressed with the increased need of definite work to annihilate the power of the saloon which menances our homes and country.

There is a growing desire apparent to understand rightly the messages of truth contained in the Holy Scriptures and we

feel that it becomes us as followers of Christ to know the meaning and purpose of all it has pleased Him to communicate to us through "Holy men of old." We are encouraging the study of the Bible among all our members, for we realize that a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures, were made plain by the illustrations of the spirit, will establish our members in the truths which God has revealed as eternal principles for the guidance of His people.

We do not encourage special training for the ministry, but we realize the great importance of developed [illegible] the powers of intellect and heart, and we are convinced that God can more effectively use us as chosen instruments in His service if we have made wide use of the opportunities for education and cultivation of mind, in which this enlightened age abounds. We, however, are fully aware that depth of intellect and breadth of [illegible] are by no means the necessary qualification for God's work, knowing that He bestows various gifts upon individuals according to His wise purposes, and that the consecration of heart and the call of the Lord are the essential preparation. Yet we are desirous that our young members shall receive such careful training that the energy and value of their devoted service shall be multiplied.

Our Gospel work has evidently owned by the Lord and blessed during the past year, and we have carefully considered, at this time, how best to preach Christ to the world, and to build up believers in faith and love. It is our purpose to be simply the obedient, subordinate instruments of God in this great work of reaching other lives with the Divine message of salvation and life. We see no danger in contravening the principles of our religious society so long as we are found humbly waiting upon the Master for direction; and this appears to be the attitude of our meeting. The [illegible] of Christ, the brotherhood

Epistle to Dublin Yearly Meeting Continued.

of believers, the direct influence of the Holy Spirit and the personal responsibility of individual members are regarded essential and vital truths among us. We have been favored to transact our business and to carry on our work with harmony.

Meeting once more in Newport, on this spot as crowded with memories, we have been impressed with the faithfulness of our early Friends and their unswerving devotion to the truth as they understood it, and we feel that the world needs today as fearless testimony, as uncompromising utterances of Gods message and as noble lives which shall be living epistles to the world, for the forces of evil are in no way relaxing.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting aforesaid,

Timothy B. Hussey, Clerk

Samuel Duffum, Correspondent.
North Berwick,
Maine.

Printed Ramallah Meeting.

From the Yearly Meeting for New England, held at Newport, R. I., by adjournments from the 8th of Sixth to the 13th of the same, inclusive 1894.

To Ramallah Monthly Meeting.

Dearly beloved; —
"Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. I, 3.

Our hearts have been made glad by your loving salutation to us, and "we glorify God on your behalf," for "the grace that is given unto you".

We feel that it is with us as it is with you. We, too, are "on the sea of temptations, and Satan is doing all he can to defeat us." But beloved, remember that when Peter walked on the water to go to the Master, as long as he looked straight to Jesus he was safe. The sea was like a solid rock beneath his feet. When he looked at the waves about him, he began to sink. But Jesus put forth his hand and helped him. So you in distant Ramallah and we in America, though the broad ocean lies between us, will be kept from sinking in the sea of temptation if we look to Him.

We are glad you are "reading the Holy Scriptures freely." Jesus said; "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." God's Holy Spirit will help us to understand them; and we need to ask for this whenever we open this blessed Book, in which we find directions for our guidance.

We pray for you daily. It is this that unites our hearts in love. Sometimes when we pray for you we feel so near to you it is almost as if we touched hands. We pray that your little children may be trained to fear God and keep his commandments. We want you to pray for us, that we,

[illegible] Ramallah Tho. Meeting [illegible]

who have so many blessings in this Christian land, may do the will of God. Jesus says: "If you shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." The name of Jesus is very powerful. He said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and upon earth." There is none stronger than He. So he can deliver us from all Satan's temptations. What a wonderful Saviour! Let our hearts say, "Hallelujah."

We hope that the Gospel will spread through all your country. It is the land of our Saviour's birth, and we love it greatly. The Gospel is the good seed, the seed of the kingdom. Everything we do "in the name of the Lord Jesus," is sowing the good seed, and God will bless it and cause it to take root and grow and spread. Dearly beloved, we pray you to give heed to this. Let your words and your actions all be good seed. If you plant this seed, God will take care of it.

A Jewish brother has been with us in some of our meetings, and preached Jesus. He told us how his people were many of them turning their faces towards Jesus of Nazareth, whom they had so long despised and rejected, and receiving Him as their Saviour. This made our hearts greatly to rejoice. Jesus is the King, and He will one day come to reign over all the earth. "Even so come, Lord Jesus."

Your prayers for the safe return of our dear friends, Timothy and Amia Hussey, have been graciously answered. We were praying for the same thing on this side the water, while you were praying on that side, it was done. He into whose holy care we committed them was faithful to His word, and we rejoice to see again their loved faces and hear their voices. They are telling us much about our brethren and sisters in far off Ramallah, and the distance every day seems less between you and us.

[illegible] We are praying that [illegible] still with you may be greatly blessed [illegible] work of faith and labor of love among you," and that in God's own time he will also safely guide them back to us.

The dear "Mission Mother", and all the teachers and caretakers in the mission, as well as the children in the Training Home and the day schools, we constantly present before the Lord in prayer, asking that he will graciously [illegible] in the time of temptation, fill you with His blessed Holy Spirit and guide you to His glory.

In this bond of the ever-blessed Gospel, [illegible],

Your friends,

Signed by direction and on behalf of Meeting,

[illegible]

Samuel Puffum, Correspondent,
North Berwick,
Maine

[illegible] From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Newport, R.I., by adjournment from the 8th of Sixth Month to the 13th of the same inclusive, 1894.

General Epistle,

Dear Friends:-

We greet you in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only yet sufficient Savior; our one - but abounding - hope; our unconquerable king.

We have been refreshed by the expressions of fraternal interest contained in your epistle, and we desire that in everything which makes for truth and righteousness, you may abound more and more, and that a great and precious harvest may result from your faithful sowing and your patient nurturing.

Our Yearly Meeting this year, held in a spot dear to [illegible] its ancient associations, has been [illegible] characterized by a spirit of [illegible] love; and we thankfully acknowledge the guiding hand of the Lord in the various affairs that have come before us. It is gratifying to observe that from year to year our meeting has more fully recognized the practical aspects of gospel teaching; so that we have been led into more aggressive Christian service.

We [illegible] fully apprehend the truth, that the church exists for a clearly defined purpose; that its machinery is not to be admired simply for its beauty and the smoothness of its operation, but for the positive results which through grace it may achieve.

The gospel has been preached with [illegible] and power. Tender counsel has been given [illegible] to the attitude which professed followers of Christ should maintain toward each other and toward the world.

Our various departments of Christian work have prospered during the year.

[illegible]

We are not unmindful of the financial and political crisis through which our nation is passing, [illegible] of the important issues which [illegible] the church. Our sympathies are awakened for such as may be brought into trial by any of the causes; and we pray that they may remain trustful and steadfast, remembering that "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

The presents of your various forms of united effort have cheered and encouraged our hearts. May you "be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might;" and may He "Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, though Jesus Christ."

It was the conclusion of this Meeting to invite all the Yearly Meetings in the United States, with whom we correspond, to unite with us in [illegible] Congress for the prohibition of the [illegible] so far as it has jurisdiction.

In His love, we are

Your friends,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Timothy [illegible], Clerk.

Samuel Buffum, Correspondent,
North Berwick,
Maine.

Minutes 1895.

Opening Minute. 1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, h[illegible] joint session at Portland, Me., commencing on Sixth-day [illegible] [illegible].

Names Representatives. 2. From the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.:—

From Rhode Island— Charles C. Varney, Phebe R. Gifford, Catharine Greene, Esther Chace, Obadiah Chace, Ellen R. Buffum, Susan Peckham, Emma Greene, Benjamin Greene, Augustus Jones, Samuel R. Carpenter, Charles H. Earle, [illegible] J. Earle, Henry C. Aydelott, Phebe B. Aydelott, Charles E. [illegible], Jane E. Gore, Robert P. Gifford, Frank E. Jones, Charles E. [illegible], H. Augusta Potter, and Joseph H. Alexander.

From [illegible]— [illegible] Hartland, William C. Kendall, Daniel C. Hatfield, [illegible] Hartford, Elmer H. Osborne, John Ellwood Paige, H. E. Jones, Peter [illegible], Olney [illegible] Meader, Mary E. [illegible], [illegible] Crossman, John F. Chase, Mary B. Swan, Thomas [illegible], [illegible] Smyth, Charles E. Chandler, George L. Crossman, [illegible] Susan H. Meader.

From [illegible]— [illegible] Sagar, [illegible], [illegible] Susan H. Seabury, Abbie H. Cornell, Lydia Gifford, Hettie Davis, Elizabeth C. King, Jane G. Fisher, William P. [illegible], Edward G. Gillingham, Stephen R. King, Edward G. [illegible], Benjamin H. Kirby, Barnabas Hovey, John A. [illegible], Selina L. Macomber, John C. Taylor, and [illegible].

From Falmouth— Clarkson Crocker, John Newlin, Rev. Edward C. Jones, George H. Fair, Alice V. Hawkes, John [illegible], Sarah H. Newlin, William H. Varney, Cyrene G. Hoxie, Lucretia Hall, Mabel Hoffman, Phebe R. Chadwick, [illegible] Goddard, Olga E. True, Mary A. Mayhew, Lucy A. Van [illegible], William E. Pratson, and Abbie G. Cook.

From Smithfield— William P. Pinkham, Deborah P. Allen, C. Edwin Swift, Henry C. Swift, Salome C. Pickering, Sara Swift, Isaac Steere, Alice M. Gove, Calvin R. Rockwood and Rebecca A. Rockwood.

From Lincoln— Alfred H. Jones, Albert Pinkham, M. Jones, James C. Pierce, Edgar [illegible] Pierce, James M. Estes, [illegible]

[illegible] T. Goodwin, George Jones, Joseph [illegible], Emma F. R. Goddard, Eric Estes, John Jones, and Annie [illegible].

From Dover — William P. Tuttle, George Estes, Olivia B. [illegible], William B. Ware, Emma Nutter, Lydia A. C. Tuttle, Charles [illegible], Charles C. Pease, Samuel Burgess, Emerie C. Tuttle, Robert C. Buffum, and Anna M. Crane.

From Fairfield — Jesse H. Pierson, Joseph C. Briggs, Lemuel C. Williams, J. Marion Cartlee, Levi Jones, Daniel C. Jones, Henry Winslow, Ernest H. Rogers, Augustus T. Hoag, George B. King, Phebe M. Wadsworth, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary C. Cartlee, Mary W. Jones of Winthrop Centre, Mary W. Jones of Winthrop, [illegible] C. Tuttle, Mary C. Winslow, Martha B. Osborne, Angelina [illegible].

From Farmington — John B. Cartland, Silas H. Cartland, Cornelius Turner, Melissa S. Gearborne, Martha E. Hoag, Lizzie S. Hoag, Joseph S. Remick, and Lewis C. Meader.

The names being called, one hundred and forty-one were in attendance and ten absent, for the absence of four of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Ministers from Yearly Meetings present.

3. Received, that this Meeting welcome company [illegible] friends, Benjamin H. [illegible], [illegible] Jones from Kansas Yearly Meeting, and John Henry Douglas from Oregon Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious company of our dear friends in the ministry, Lucie Howard, Lydia Ann Lord of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and [illegible] from New York Yearly Meeting. We give them all a cordial welcome.

Committee to receive returning Ministers.

4. The subject of receiving our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings, returning Ministers, if any should appear, is referred to the following committee, viz: William P. Pinkham, Alfred C. Jones, William C. Newhall, John J. Frye, Edward G. Wood, Lucie P. Mayfield, Phebe S. Hyde Abbott, and Mary C. Bagley.

Committee to audit Treasurer's Acct.

5. We appoint Levi Jones, Robert N. Tripp, Joseph C. Briggs, Daniel C. Mayfield, William A. Jones, Lucie P. Mayfield, Anna

M. Gove, Susan E. Peckham, a committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date, to a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the exp of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose for Treasurer, also to propose a Friend for Treasurer Boarding School at Providence, and another for Tre of Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro.

Epistles received from other Yearly Mtgs. 6 We have received epistles from all the Yearly Meeting with which we correspond, except London.

[illegible] of the answers to the queries and present it at a future s viz.: William P. Macomber, Robert P. Gifford, Charles [illegible] W. Webber, Lucy R. Goddard, and Bessie T. [illegible]

Epistle from Ireland read. 8. We have read at this time, to our edification, an ep from our dear friends of Ireland.

[illegible]

to this Meeting, viz.:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has uni with Rhode Island and Providence Monthly Meeting the appointment of eleven Associate Members to the M on Ministry and Oversight. It has united with Pro Monthly Meeting in re-establishing the Preparative formerly known as "Lower Smithfield" (discontinue 1877) under the name of Saylesville Preparative Me and held on Fourth day preceding the said Monthl commencing with a meeting for worship at 7.30 P.M., with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in disconti the Meeting for worship at Hopkinton, except on First day previous to the holding of the Month at that place.

Salem [illegible] with Salem Monthly Meeting in the app ten Associate Members of the Meeting on [illegible]

reported in the appointment of Lucy Ellen Collins to the station
[illegible]
[illegible]ed. ment of Eliza Ann Butler to the station of Elder, and six Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The hour of holding Salem Monthly Meeting in the Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Months of the present year has been changed to 7:30 P.M.

Amesbury Monthly Meeting in Tenth Month will hereafter be held at Amesbury, Mass., instead of Epping, N.H., at the usual time.

Amesbury Monthly Meeting held at Epping in the Seventh Month will be at 2 o'clock P.M.

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in Tenth Month will be held at Amesbury on Fourth day preceding Monthly Meeting at 2 P.M.

The time of holding Boston Monthly Meeting is changed to the second Sixth day in the month at 7.45 P.M., excepting in the Sixth Month, when it is held the first Sixth day following the session of the Preparative Meeting. The Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at 10.30 A.M. of the day of those Monthly Meetings next preceding a Quarterly Meeting.

[illegible]
with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Abbie Swift to the station of Elder; with Dartmouth [illegible]
[illegible]
Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Edward T. Tucker, Mary C. Bayliss, Thomas F. Hafford, and Mary Hafford to the station of Elder; also with their several Monthly Meetings in the appointment of thirty-nine Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in addition to twenty-six ex-officio members of the same Meeting, making a total of sixty-five. (Two of this number have deceased since their appointment.)

We are united in requesting that our Quarterly Meeting in the [illegible]
at 11 A.M. instead of 11.30, as at the present time.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has [illegible]
[illegible]
the gift and approving the public Ministry of Myra [illegible] Frye, Charles W. Goddard, a minister and member

[illegible] Meetings the limits of Kansas Yearly [illegible] William H. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

united with Bolton Monthly Meeting in the appoint[illegible] of three associate members of the Meeting on Minist[illegible] and Oversight, and with Uxbridge Monthly Meeti[illegible] in the appointment of G. Marshall Babcock, [illegible] Wheeler Swift, and Sarah J. Swift to the station [illegible] Elder, and also in the appointment of two associ[illegible] [illegible] of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversi[illegible] [illegible] all its Meetings at Worcester, and in changing the [illegible] to 7.30 P.M. on the Fourth day preceding the last Fi[illegible] day in the month.

[illegible]

L. Hoxie to the station of Elder, and with Vassalbo[illegible] Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift [illegible] ing the public Ministry of Henry H. Goddard, and [illegible] Ministry and Oversight. It has united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in changing the place of holding [illegible] Meeting from East Vassalboro to Vassalboro, Sixth, Eighth and Ninth Months, and with Unity Mon[illegible] in holding said Meeting at Brooks in Sixth, E[illegible] Tenth Months.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has un[illegible] with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointmen[illegible] Mary W. Jones of Winthrop Centre, Angeline McPherso[illegible] Olive M. Tuttle to the station of Elder, and with the [illegible] Meeting in the appointment of fifteen associate men[illegible] [illegible] Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The hour for holding the [illegible] and West Gardiner has been changed fro[illegible] It is united in requesting that the Qua[illegible] in Ninth Month be held in Winthrop in [illegible] Albans, as at present.

[illegible]nance [illegible] the — 10. In accordance with the direction of our last Yearly Meeting the several Quarterly Meetings have appointed a Finance Committee [illegible]

[illegible]intendent [illegible] — [illegible] Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools, whose names [illegible] this Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] — [illegible] their respective quotas of Yearly Meeting stock.

Statistical Report — Statistical Report of the Yearly Meeting. From Third Month 1st, 1894, to Third Month 1st, 1895.

Names of Quarterly Meetings	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Statistics of Membership: Births	Deaths	[illegible]	[illegible]	Admitted	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Statistics of Children: No. of children between 4 and 21	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–	–	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–	–	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		–	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		–	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	465	50	38	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
O[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	7	0	0	2	0	0	3	189	31	13	25	6	5
Fairfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	–	–	4	7	5	2	14	6	8	–	546	65	40	35	5	5
Summerfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–	–	[illegible]	1	0	0	2	5	0	2	150	29	17	20	5	3
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Names of [illegible]	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

(Note) Charles H. Jones and H. Elizabeth Jones, Ministers received by certificate from N. Y. Yearly Meeting.

Names of Elders (Deceased)	Date of Death.	Age in years.	Monthly Meeting which they served.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sarah Almy.....	Sixth Month 15th, 1894.	80th year of her age.	Rhode Island
Sarah F. Tobey.....	Fifth Month 25th, 1894.	10th year of her age.	Providence
Daniel Reader...	Ninth Month 6th, 1894.	67th year of his age.	Providence
Mary Ann Tilson...	Eighth Month 18th, 1894.	78th year of her age.	Homer
Mary W. Goddard..	Twelfth Month 10th, 1894.	63 year of her age.	Worcester.
Maria P. Smith..	Twelfth Month 30th, 1894.	87th year of her age.	[illegible]
Pelham Pope.....	Fifth Month 3d 1894.	74th year of his age.	Windham
Helen M. Hacker..	Ninth Month 13th 1894.	59 years.	Durham.
Elwood S. Bailey...	Third Month 30th 1895.	36 years.	Durham.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Louisa L. Osborne..	Second Month 28th 1895	75 years.	Vassalboro.
Nancy H. Kirkham.	Fifth Month 25th 1894	71 years.	China.
Eunice P. Farr...	First Month 9th 1894.	86th year of her age.	Winthrop.
Hannah Bailey....	Second Month 28th 1895	80 years and 1 month.	Winthrop.
Lavina M. Pope....	Third Month 9th 1895.	82 years and 2 months.	Winthrop.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Adjourned. Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Sixth-day Afternoon, Sixth Month 14.

Assembled. The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Clerks appointed. 14. The Representatives, through their Clerk, presented

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The Report is as follows:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

At the time appointed the [illegible]
[illegible] were united in proposi[illegible]
[illegible] 12. Cousins for Clerk and John Elwood Paige for Assistant Clerk of this Meeting.

Our dear friend Anna E. Wood presented her request to [illegible] of grateful appreciation of her many years of service, they were united with, and Ruth S. Murray was named fo[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Gifford [illegible]

[illegible] 15. The Representatives also proposed the names of the following Friends for a Standing Committee on Nominations to serve the Meeting this year, to whom all appointments shall be referred, each Quarterly Meeting's Representatives proposing two names [illegible]:

Charles W. Earle.	Alice M. Dow.
Elizabeth A. Gifford.	Eliza P. Pierce.
William O. Newhall.	Henry H. Goddard.
Susan H. Meader.	William T. Tuttle.
[illegible] A. Macomber.	Almira B. Huffum.
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
C. Wheeler Swift.	Melissa S. Dearborne.

The names were approved and the Friends were appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

[illegible] 16. [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible].

We rejoice in the blessing which has rested on the [illegible] of those connected with the school, and trust the seed sown may [illegible] glory of God.

The appointment of a committee to have charge of this [illegible] Committee.

[illegible]

In presenting this the Seventy-sixth Annual Report of the Friends' School at Providence, the Committee have [illegible] [illegible] interests have been fully [illegible] who for the first time have taken some [illegible] the meetings for worship, and in other [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

retrospect of this feature of our work, and trusting in [illegible] promised blessing of our Lord, we have the convicti[illegible] abundant in the years to come. There were not le[illegible] [illegible]igious interest.

The recent changes in the house and furniti[illegible] [illegible]eatly increased the comfort of the family, and [illegible] [illegible]troduction of more light and [illegible]

The barn and outside buildings have been recon[illegible] and the animals belonging to the Institu[illegible] [illegible] been rendered more comfortable. We have [illegible] these matters our educational institutions o[illegible] behind the most advanced appreciation [illegible] regard for "our dumb animals."

The question of taxation continues to come before [illegible] Legislature of Rhode Island, and to give us great an[illegible]

[illegible] very vital question in the [illegible] subject of heating and imp[illegible]

The financial condition of the country is felt by the school. The result of every panic in the money world is to reduce the attendance of the private schools and fill up the public schools where it costs nothing for tuition. Endowments for scholarship are very much needed and would greatly extend the usefulness of the school. The foundation is well laid; the grand superstructure which it will properly support demands ample and judicious endowments, that it may maintain the worthy position it has attained and take on its natural growth and progress.

The number of scholars for the year has been.

Boarders	145
Day Students	11
Day Art Students	21

Officers of Government and Instruction.

Augustine Jones, A.M., LL.D., Principal, and Political Science.
[illegible]
and Calisthenics for Boys.
Evelyn Barrows, B.S., Preceptress, and English Studies.
Thomas J. Batty, A.M., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Walter A. Meader, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
H. B. Knox, A.B., Greek and Latin.
Charles R. Jacob, A.B., Modern Languages.
Helen L. Thomas, English Studies.
Charlotte A. Greene, English Studies.
Lizzie M. Palmer, Primary Room.
Eliza J. Gardiner, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.

Sidney R. Burleigh, Sup

Louise Rivérat, L. P., Conversation in French.
Hannah G. Ryder, Secretary and Book-keeper.
Bertha H. Tucker, Librarian.

Lecturer.

Thomas J. Battey, A. M., Natural Science.

Wednesday, Eighth month 28th, 1895.

Note.— The Autumn Term begins Ninth Mo[illegible]

Eighth Month 6th, 1895.

Applications should be sent to the Principal [illegible]

Those who desire the benefit of the Charita[illegible] should be sure to apply at the time above stated.

Eighth Month 6th, 1895.

Statement of Settlement for the School Year Ending
Seventh Month 1st, 1894.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

Resources.

Charitable Scholarship Fund	$1,800 00
[illegible]	[illegible]
Stephen T. Olney " " "	2,287 50
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]
Wages Account	11,362 89
Provisions	10,987 75
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	1,146 82
Fuel	1,476 41
Light	1,001 81
[illegible]	714 37
Advertising	837 41
Library	423 27
Papers and Periodicals	56 73
Incidentals	247.58
Debts considered bad	387 62
[illegible]	[illegible]
	$54,470 62

J. H. Chace,
[illegible]
Charles Sisson, } Auditors.
Edward T. Tucker,
[illegible]

Report of the Real Estate Committee.

Report of the Real Estate Committee.
To the Yearly Meeting:

We have sold one lot of land during the past year to the City of Providence for a High School site, the same containing 36,000 square feet of land, and received for it the sum of $14,400 00
Less expenses 298 11 $14,101 89

Paid to the Treasurer of Providence Friends' School Funds, this balance ..... $14,101 [illegible]

Our organization has been the same as the year previ[illegible].

Robert P. Gifford,
Clerk of the Real Es[illegible]

Real Estate Committee.

17. It is the conclusion of this Meeting that the Real Estate [illegible]mittee shall in future consist of six members, three of w[illegible] shall constitute a quorum to transact business, and this [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]ual and mental training.

[illegible] nomination of a committee to have the [illegible] this work is referred to the Nominating Commi[illegible].

Report of the Committee in Charge of Oak G[illegible] Seminary and Bailey Institute.

[illegible] in charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institu[illegible] fully acknowledge their belief in the truth of the in[illegible] words, "All things work together for good to them [illegible] God."

The school year commenced under very favorable c[illegible] With a principal and matron who enjoyed the confi[illegible] of all who were in any way interested in the scho[illegible] an excellent corps of teachers and an unusually [illegible]tendance of pupils, the fall term was among the [illegible] successful in the history of the school. The [illegible] commenced with a large attendance and prog[illegible] factorily until the eighth week, when a disease, pron[illegible] by the attendant physicians to be scarlet fever, broke [illegible] in the school. At its first appearance several of the [illegible] left; the day scholars were all removed and the school [illegible] close of the term. There were twelve cases, all [illegible]

[illegible]
of content if not of happiness prevailed, and (with a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to Jesus in a covenant that [illegible]
not be broken.

At the close of the term the building with all its furniture was thoroughly disinfected under the direction of a Board of Health, but the fear of contagion tended to reduce the attendance at the spring term. It numbered ninety-one and the health of the school was excellent. The entire attendance [illegible]
since the school became the property of the Yearly Meeting. Commencement exercises were held in the old Friends' Meeting House near the school, which was simply but tastefully decorated for the occasion. The graduating class [illegible] ed ten — four boys and six girls — all of them active Christians. The essays were highly creditable to the class [illegible]

We thankfully acknowledge the addition to the [illegible] of the school of one thousand [illegible] presented by our dear friend S. Jane Cox as a memorial gift in memory of her deceased husband, Augustus F. Cox, who is held in affectionate remembrance by those who were associated with him in other days in the care of this school. The work of each year at Oak Grove demonstrates more fully the wisdom of the Yearly Meeting in adopting this child in the East.

The school under its present management is doing a work in which Friends all over New England may [illegible]
[illegible]
Providence, very few children in the eastern Quarter [illegible]
[illegible]
Now, in the midst of them, beautiful for situation on the bank of the Kennebec, we have a school of superior [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] they have been associated and, last of all,
Him whom we reverently acknowledge a
[illegible] Church.

[illegible]

Henry H. [illegible]
William A. Estes, A. B., Langu[illegible]
Sibyl Standen, B. S., Science.
[illegible]

Henry H. Goddard, A. M., Prin[illegible]

On behalf of the [illegible]
[illegible]
J. Warren H[illegible]

Rutland, Sixth Month 13th, 1895.

Bailey Institute, 1894 and 1895.

Receipts.

6th Mo. 8th	By balance from last year	$689 76
"	Board and Tuition	5,826 67
	" Interest on Endowment Fund	678 61
"	" Cash from State Treasurer	800 00
"	" Cash from Endowment Fund	1,350 00
"	" Cash from S. Jane Cox	1,000 00
"	" Cash from Samuel R. Buffington, Treasurer	575 00
"	" Cash from Macomber, Farr & Co.	20 00
		$10,940 [illegible]

Expenditures.

To Salary account.	$2,604 98
" Wages	510 75
" Scholarship	301 88
" Repairs and Renewals	877 17
" Provisions	1,749 31
" Fuel	597 37
" Lights	53 27
" Incidentals	243 67
" Foreclosures	150 35
" Taxes	258 47
" Premium on Insurance Policy	225 00
" Cash paid Trustees	1,700 00
	$9,362 24
Balance on hand	$1,577 80
[illegible]	[illegible]
Excess of expenditures over receipts	$72 20

Joseph E. Briggs.

We have examined the Treasurer's account with vouchers and found them correct.

George L. Crosman,

[illegible]

Auditors.

[illegible]

[illegible]

19. The following report from the Committee on Education was received and accepted.

We hope that those to whom is entrusted the care of training our young people will bear in mind the suggestions contained in it.

The nomination of a Committee on Education is referred to the Nominating Committee.

Report of the Committee on Education.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

[illegible] endeavored by the undivided efforts of its members to promote the cause of education in different parts [illegible] limits.

The Committee appropriated thirty dollars [illegible]

its appointment last year for the purpose of sec[illegible]
cles on education from prominent members of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Sixth Month 6th, 1895, was also made possible by [illegible]
appropriation of the Committee. While the influe[illegible]
of these articles has been felt far beyond the borders [illegible]
our own Yearly Meeting, it has seemed to the Com[illegible]
[illegible]
instrumentality of this paper, which ought t[illegible]
Friend's home, than in any other way.

[illegible]
portance of a liberal Christian education. E[illegible]
has always been a handmaid of Christianity, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
in the century in which we live, removing more ra[illegible]
than ever before, the seals which have long rested up[illegible]
doors of many realms of truth, and [illegible]
necessary as it is now that the minds of C[illegible]
should be well trained and abreast of truth ev[illegible]
they would so reach the world that Christ s[illegible]
in all.

The apprehension of truth, the proper balan[illegible]
aspects of truth, and the effective expressions of [illegible]
character and in Christian effort, may all be g[illegible]
by proper mental training. God, in his providenc[illegible]
opening for Friends opportunities, to influence the th[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Our youth ought to receive a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Sacrifices may often be necessary on the part of some in order to do this, but in a cause so sacred as the training of the [illegible] the principle of the [illegible] sacrifice is too great.

On behalf of the Committee,

George A. Barton,

[illegible]

Portland, Sixth Month 14th, 1875.

[illegible] Treasurer's Report, Committee on Education.

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	
From Swansea Monthly Meeting	2 35	
From Salem Monthly Meeting	5 38	
From Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	1 00	
From [illegible] Monthly Meeting	[illegible]	
From Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	4 00	
From [illegible] Monthly Meeting	[illegible]	
From Providence Monthly Meeting	[illegible]	$57 07

Expenditures

To Rufus M. Jones, to be used in payment for articles on Education for American Friend $3[illegible]

Balance in hand $27 07

[illegible]

[illegible] Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

[illegible]

[illegible] The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

[illegible] 20. The joint epistle from New York Yearly Meeting was read, to our edification.

[illegible] 21. Our beloved friend Fernando G. Carte[illegible] from Poughkeepsie Monthly Meeting, [illegible]

[illegible]

Edwin Bedell, a member of the [illegible] presented a letter of introduction from his friends.

We welcome our brothers among us.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] "C[illegible]

[illegible] are brethren."

Committee on Correspondence. 23. The Nominating Committee presented the name [illegible] the Committee on Correspondence: Rufus M. Jo[illegible], Adeline G. F. Daniels, and others.

Providence School [illegible] 24. They also presented names for a committee to [illegible] [illegible] at Providence, and the [illegible] Committee on [illegible].

[illegible] the Friends are accordingly appointed to these se[illegible]. Their names will be found under "Standing Co[illegible]

Tables of statistics considered. 25. Tables of statistics sent from our Quarterly Meetings [illegible] been summarized.

The request that there should be some informatio[illegible] on the subject of collegiate education and a revisi[illegible] of the statistical blank was referred to the C[illegible] Education.

Committee in behalf of the Aborigines reported. 26. The Committee appointed last year to represe[illegible] Washington in behalf of the Aborigines of our [illegible] sented a report, and also a copy of the Memori[illegible] sent to the members of Congress.

[illegible] necessity for the services no longer existing the [illegible] are released.

[illegible] Gospel work reported. [illegible] port, which shows much earnest work for the Ma[illegible] in the different parts of the Yearly Meeting. The Me[illegible] accepts the report with thankfulness [illegible] already been done, and would conti[illegible] the coming year with the desire that even greater eff[illegible] may be made in the promotion of the cause of Chri[illegible]

The subject of the appointment of a committee [illegible] whom this work may be referred was left to the Nomi[illegible] ating Committee.

[illegible] Gospel [illegible]

Dear Friends:

The small Committee on Gospel Work [illegible] the service to which they were appointed, under a solemn [illegible] of the responsibility resting upon them.

As we look back over the work of the year, while we regret that no more has been accomplished, yet our hearts are filled with gratitude to God that his blessing has so manifestly rested upon [illegible] meetings has been wonderfully blessed, and united as never before in their efforts to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom. Individual souls have heard the call to a higher and holier life.

Workers have found not only whitened fields awaiting their coming, but have heard from every side the old, old cry, "Come over and help us." We have sent back the same sad word, "The laborers are few."

The following extracts taken from reports of the superintendents of the Quarterly Meetings show, as far as we are able, the work of the Committee.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. Phebe S. Aydelott, Superintendent. Meetings visited, Greenwich, Providence, Saylesville, Newport, Portsmouth, Fall River, Swansea, and Freetown.

One series of Meetings held at Fall River, consisting of [illegible]. Thirty-two Meetings without continuous service. Thirty-eight families visited. One professed renewal.

Three series of Meetings, [illegible] committee have been held in this Quarterly Meeting with good results.

[illegible] Meetings visited Portland, Windham, Casco, Lewiston, Bowdoin, and [illegible] Windham, one at Durham, twenty-two Meetings. Seven Meetings [illegible] Two professed conversions and renewals.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, Salome C. Wheeler, Superintendent. [illegible] performed by local workers.

Salem Quarterly Meeting, J. Elwood Paige, Superintendent. [illegible] of Meetings, eleven. Names of Meetings vi[illegible] [illegible], Mass.; Lynn, Mass.; Epping, N. H.; East Ly[illegible]

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. William P. Macomber, Cl[illegible]

greatly revived and blessed. Attendance at their Meetings increased. Hallowell, forty-four Meetings held. Fam[illegible] visits, twenty-two. Professed conversions and renewals, [illegible] four.

Families visited at Augusta, Readfield, and [illegible]

There are four Meetings in this Quarter. Thirty-four [illegible] been given to gospel work by members of Committee. [illegible] hundred and six families [illegible]

has been held. [illegible]

Meetings visited, Dover, Meaderboro, and Gonic. Three [illegible] of Meetings held. Comprising the series, Dover twelve, [illegible]

[illegible]

Faithful service performed in this Quarter b[illegible] d others not under the auspices of the Committee [illegible]

each Meeting having cared for their workers. Fifty dollars [illegible]

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, James M. Estes, Superintendent.

[illegible] home workers as well as others. Having themselves received the "bread of life", they have gone out in the freshness of their love and called others in to share with them. At Pleasant Hill Schoolhouse twenty-one Meetings held, good work done, believers strengthened and encouraged. Pigeon Plains, twenty-one Meetings held. At Unity a series of Meetings, continuing [illegible]

In the whole Quarter ninety-one calls made, ninety-one delivered, and ninety-seven Meetings were held. Professed and conversions, fifty-four.

Summary of Work.

Number of Meetings visited	29
Series of Meetings	30
Meetings comprising them	573
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Number of [illegible]	[illegible]

Superintendents have performed their work, we believe, [illegible] cannot be estimated; and the discouragements met with when unable to find workers to enter the open fields now [illegible] Him who commanded His followers to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

We recommend that the work be conti[illegible] care of a committee, and that the Yearly Meeting appropriate two thousand dollars for their use.

For the Committee,

Harriette D. Collins, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Gospel Work, 1894 and 1895.

Receipts.

Received from Amesbury Monthly Meeting		$12 50
" " Rhode Island	" "	20 50
" " [illegible]	" "	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Brought forward		[illegible]	
Received from [illegible] Quarterly Meeting		[illegible]	
" " [illegible]	" "	[illegible]	
" " [illegible]	" "	[illegible]	
" " [illegible]	" "	[illegible]	
" " [illegible]	" "	[illegible]	
" " [illegible]	" "	[illegible]	
" " [illegible]	" "	[illegible]	
" " [illegible]	" "	[illegible]	
" " [illegible]	" "	[illegible]	
" " [illegible]	" "	[illegible]	
" " [illegible]	" "	[illegible]	
" " [illegible]	" "	10 [illegible]	
" " [illegible]	" "	[illegible]	
" " Dartmouth	" "	4 34	
" " Sidney	" "	5 00	
" " Dover	" "	3 00	
" " Weare	" "	2 00	
" " Silas H. Cartland, Supt.		58 50	
" " A. D. Aldrich		10 00	
" " A. F. Morse		2 00	$642 15
Expenditures.			
[illegible]			[illegible]
[illegible]			[illegible]

Joseph E. Briggs, [illegible]

Sixth Month 15th, 1895.

[illegible] 1. [illegible]

Seventh-day Afternoon, Sixth Month [illegible]

[illegible] 1. [illegible]

[illegible] 2. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 3. [illegible] Board [illegible]

[illegible] the desire expressed in the report, that the Board may become "an agency in broadening, deepening, [illegible] the influence of [illegible] England."

[illegible]

the vacancies occurring this year in the committee.

Report of Committee [illegible]

To the Yearly Meeting:

Immediately upon its appointment at last Yearly [illegible] Report and organized, with Benjamin F. Trueblood, as Chairman, George L. Coleman, Secretary, and Thomas Wood, Treasurer. As soon after that as seemed feasible, viz., on the 29th of Tenth Month, another meeting of the Board was held in Boston, which was attended by eleven of the [illegible]

By mutual consent the Board and Trustees were organized [illegible] Executive Committee to act in the interim between sessions of the full Board. At this meeting it appeared that the sum of $144 had already been contributed towards current expenses of the work. The subject of securing a [illegible] to give $500 each towards such a fund, on condition that a total sum of $10,000 could be raised. Timothy B. Emerson was appointed to visit Quarterly Meetings and solicit further subscriptions for the fund. It was also decided to issue a circular letter setting forth the advantages and necessities of the work. Such a letter was prepared, and 1,200 copies [illegible] Yearly Meeting, a portion being sent into every Monthly Meeting. While the circulars have not apparently resulted in swelling our permanent fund, we have received evidence that they served to awaken an interest in the work of the Church Extension, and our Treasurer has received during the year his share of contributions to the amount of [illegible] expended.

The Executive Committee has met several times [illegible] regarding various avenues of work opened up to us.

In the early part of the year favorable opportun[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

five or one hundred, and the Bi[illegible] in a sim[illegible] proportion.

While our Board has contributed $135.54 towards [illegible] work at this place, the Friends and others attending [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Friends at North Wear[illegible] [illegible] place. After some correspondence one member of our [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] South Pittsfield where help is wanted, and where a [illegible] worker ought to be located at an early day. At Lawr[illegible] Friends are in much need of a house of worshi[illegible] making strenuous efforts to build one. A lot [illegible] secured already and funds are being solicited f[illegible] Our Board has contributed $100 towards the building [illegible] able, as we believe the Friends at Lawrence well [illegible] encouragement of a substantial nature.

[illegible]

There are many fields ready for cultivation [illegible] growth could we find efficient laborers [illegible]

We believe the Yearly Meeting has no work of [illegible] importance than this of extending its influence [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

from any Friends' Meeting, from workers seeking fields of labor, and from communities of Friends needing help, [illegible] workers at its disposal the Board might soon bec[illegible] [illegible] the influence of the [illegible] of Friends in New England.

We feel that of necessity the work accomplished during the first [illegible] perhaps as much has been realized as could reasonably be expected. With the work well organized we hope [illegible]

[illegible]

they have been partially or wholly discontinued.

May our love for Christ prompt us to make our Society of the greatest possible efficacy in proclaiming the everlasting gospel to whole communities right [illegible] God and hope of salvation.

[illegible] in asking [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

For the Trustees

[illegible]

Portland, Sixth Month, 14th, 1895.

Travelling expenses	7 26	
Stationery	3 50	
Postage and mailing	16 70	
[illegible] Meeting House Fund	100 00	
Work at Meaderboro	35 54	
		$ 271 [illegible]

Portland, Sixth Month 15th, 1895.

[illegible]

verbal report of their labors.

The unanimous voice of the meeting [illegible] assuming two thousand dollars of the [illegible] still remaining on the house.

Report of. 31. The report of the Committee on Foreign Mission [illegible]

the work still calls us to go on in faith and [illegible] trusting in His power to open the doors and [illegible]

their proficiency, but there is a deeper feeling of gratitude

service. These girls will find employment in our own

in very severe.

The two younger classes are making good progress

order, and neatness.

The girls still conduct a paper, the Carrier Dove, which is read every month. They also carry on their Peace Society in perfect order. This meeting, started by our friends, Etta Johnston, has been of great use to the children.

Our Superintendent reports as follows: The Sabbath School, which opened in the beginning of the school year, is in a prosperous condition. The average attendance is ninety. Many of the boys and girls from the out schools attend, and all seem interested. The teachers are sowing the seed, leaving the result in the hands of our Lord and Master, who alone can give the increase.

The day schools in the village opened prosperously in the beginning of the school year; the whole number of one hundred and thirty. The teachers in these

and holding their pupils. Many of the little ones at-

in their dark homes

If we will be the means, we trust, of leading many

refused to listen to the reading, yet she was not g

land. Now, she says, she reads it every evening

so much interested in these meetings that she

sixty-three patients on clinic days; one thousand

homes; one thousand two hundred and sixty pa

some of these villages are several miles distant, and

physicians sometimes requires a day and a half

The Committee feel that among the Syrian women and children who have experienced her loving care, and whose lives have been brightened by her Christian teachings, there are many "to rise up and call her blessed."

The little seed sown by our dear friends Eli and [illegible] has, through the blessing of the Lord, grown into a tree, under whose branches many have [illegible]

in the belief that though there have been blessings in the past, still there is more to follow. The [illegible] of the Lord to his servant of old seems to be one to the New England Yearly Meeting in regard to this mission field. "Be strong and of good courage for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Ruth A. Murray, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

Committee on Foreign Missions of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, in account with Wm. T. Hussey, Treasurer.

1894. 6th Mo. 22.

Balance for last year	$745 59
[illegible]	217 06
" " Four Thousand Dollar Note	200 00
From R. E. Allison, Treasurer of Bible School	5 00
Elisha T. Read, Treasurer Woonsocket Bible School	65 00
Harry Alger and mother	10 00
E. S. Fiske	50 00
Huldah E. Gifford	10 00
	$1302 65

Amount brought forward.	$1302 65
From Jacob L. Moulder	5 00
Rev. C. C. Starbuck	1 00
Sale of Cattell Bonds	350 00
Wm Wood, for Lawrence Friends	5 00
Emily Thomas	5 00
Two Baptist Ladies, for 2 "Lambs of the fold"	20 00
[illegible]	1 [illegible]
Matilda Burleigh, for Missionary Society	5 00
Ellen Collins	20 00
Samuel Miles	50 00
Mary B. Post, Treasurer W. F. M. S. New York	28 24
Eli Page	5 00
[illegible]	1[illegible]
[illegible]	1 [illegible]
Susan M. Seabury	25 00
Mary and Helen H. Seabury	5 00
Sarah Cartland	2 00
Clara Roberts	5 00
Lucretia G. Chace	75 00
Susan H. Mader, Treasurer W. F. M. S. support of 21 girls	1,365 00
Proceeds of lectures of Etta H. Johnston	46 58
[illegible] Band of Boston	5 00
Hannah M. Barker	5 00
Eunice A. Green, for education of day school	[illegible]
Lizzie Hawkes " " " " "	[illegible]
[illegible]	10 [illegible]
[illegible]	5 [illegible]
A. J. Chase	1 50
S. S. Harlow, Fort Fairfield Meeting	5 00
Arthur H. Swift, contributions from the Jamaica Mission	5 [illegible]
Isabel Stanley	1 [illegible]
Mary L. Chase, for Carrie Smith's class	5 00
[illegible]	1 [illegible]
Eunice Trimble, for W. F. M. S.	5 00
Carrie E. Johnston	5 00
[illegible]	10 [illegible]
[illegible]	1 [illegible]
[illegible]	10 [illegible]
Annie Estes, to be sent to Nazira Rodezia	3 00

Elizabeth [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Elizabeth M. Hawkes [illegible]	[illegible]
J. E. and Sadie H. [illegible]	1 [illegible]
North Berwick, Beach [illegible]	[illegible]
Lizzie W. Swan, Mite Box	5 00
Mrs. C. M. Jones, Mite Box	2 02
1895	
[illegible]	
Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, for support of Jiffneh Day School	140 00
[illegible]	[illegible]
Lizzie W. Swan, " " " " "	50 00
Lydia A. Griffen, Treasurer Purchase Quarterly	
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	
New York and Brooklyn, for support of Western School, Ramallah	150 00
Ellen K. Buffum, for Building Fund	50 00
From J & E. Myers	5 00
Gonic Bible School	48 75
Allen's Neck Bible School	5 00
Smith's " " " by Olive D. Howland	4 00
Worcester " " " Sarah J. Swift	16 00
R. I. Monthly Meeting, by A. M. Kimber and J. S. Anthony	20 75
Swansea Monthly Meeting, C. A. Chace, Treasurer	94 05
Providence " " R. P. Gifford "	49 00
So. Kingston " " W. T. Collins "	11 50
Salem " " J. Ellwood Paige "	150 12
Amesbury " " J. Augustus Davis "	10 75
Weare " " L. H. Osborne "	2 00
Boston " " L. S. Jones "	58 50
Sandwich " " Joseph Ener "	27 00
Westport " " J. A. Gifford "	20 00
New Bedford " " A. W. Holmes "	28 50
Falmouth " " Ezra Hawkes "	6 81
Durham " " M. H. Robinson "	1 00
[illegible] " " [illegible] "	[illegible]
[illegible] " " [illegible] "	[illegible]
[illegible] " " [illegible] "	[illegible]

Amount brought forward		4910 25
Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, Henry Tater Treasurer		1 00
China " " Wm. A. Jones "		8 00
Dover " " D. F. Jenness "		3 00
Berwick " " Samuel Buffum "		10 00
Winthrop " " E. A. Bailey "		55 88
St. Albans " " J. W. Chandler "		8 21
[illegible] " " Jas. Carrand "		[illegible]
Contribution from Wm Thompson		30 00
[illegible]		[illegible]
Elizabeth S. Fiske		50 00
Proceeds of Note paid into Building Fund		925 00

1894. Expended.

6th Mo. 22.	For London Draft sent the Mission £150 stg.	$733 12
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] " [illegible]	[illegible] £[illegible] stg.	[illegible]
	Cablegrams and Expressage	12 40
	London Draft sent the Mission, £50 stg.	243 75
	Deposited in Savings Bank for Katie Gabriel	160 00
	" " " " " [illegible]a Nusr	160 00
[illegible] " [illegible]	[illegible] £[illegible] stg.	[illegible]
	Salary of Huldah H. Leighton	500 00
[illegible] " [illegible] 21.	London Draft sent the Mission, £100 stg.	489 25
	[illegible]	[illegible]
4th " 8	London Draft sent the Mission, £100 stg.	489 75
5th " 31	Paid Wm Thompson for Money lent the Mission	200 00
	Sent to York County Savings Bank for Building Fund	300 00
	Deposits in Strafford Savings Bank belonging to Building Fund	1,185 00
	Balance in Strafford Savings Bank for current expenses	387 59
		$5,968 34

Examined vouchers of account and approved.

Robert P. Gifford, [illegible]

[illegible] interesting and satisfactory, showing the influence of Christian teaching and Christian living upon the untutored children [illegible] traditions of our people from the time of Penn to the present [illegible]

Let us, by our money and by our prayers, strengthen the hands of the self-sacrificing and tireless workers who have taken up their homes among the "Red Men."

The nomination of a committee to continue this work is referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Report of Committee on Western Indians.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

The Associated Executive Committee, composed of [illegible] have held two Annual Meetings the past year at Germantown, Pa.

Dignity and grace by our late dear friend, Dr. James E. Rhoads, who has been conspicuous in Indian work [illegible]

At this meeting, which was held in Eighth Month, 1874, Our Committee was represented by three delegates. A cursory survey of the field was taken and much interest awakened. George W. Hartley, of Indiana, was made Superintendent of the work which Dr. Kirk loved and [illegible] visited the mission stations under the care of Friends of which some account will be given later.

[illegible] caused us to feel that the work must indeed languish, [illegible] good providence of God it was found at- [illegible]

one by one, and the condition of work and workers c[illegible]
ered. The removal of Philander and Caroline Blac[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] helper. Robert Hodson ([illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] school, taking her babe with her.

At Wyandotte there has been much [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
twice a month. The minister of this church is [illegible]
posed to Friends and tries to detract from them.
It seems very desirable that we have a house of our [illegible]
[illegible]
One hundred dollars, however, has been contribu[illegible]
toward the building. This is an important statio[illegible]
there being a Government school located here whe[illegible]
Friends have ready access to the children.

[illegible]
left under the especial charge of the Philadelphia
[illegible]dian Aid.

The Committee thought Ella Hartley a va[illegible]
woman, and desiring her to work with her husba[illegible]
a greater extent than heretofore, has made them bo[illegible]
[illegible]
if one is away from home the other can give the n[illegible]
care to the meeting and home.

The Kickapoo Mission continues to claim [illegible]
loving interest, and no question is raised as to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
finding work among the Indians in that vicin[illegible]
In order that the work may be better underst[illegible]
I have copied the following from a letter r[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]:—

"[illegible]
[illegible]

good chance to meet John Minnie and daughter,

. I saw Bluejacket both in Meeting and at his home;

Charles Bluejacket talk in Meeting as any one, and

e the graves of the dear sister
a stimulus they should be to us!

is calls among those who still bear fruit to the work of dear Asa and Emeline Tuttle. From the Ottawas to the Wyandottes, brother George and wife in charge. This is a nice station, nice dwelling and surroundings. Everything seemed in good order. There is a great field of work here for the right

a meeting-house of our own here

a very open door.

ers in the Lord's Vineyard, with real love for the

Chinese Government

to Chinese, and

[illegible] from there to the encampment of the wild band, who received us hospitably; a most interesting [illegible] and [illegible] of profit."

[illegible] Christ.

[illegible] Committee.

[illegible] Committee,

[illegible]

[illegible], 18[illegible].

Condensed Report of Treasurer of Committee on [illegible], 18[illegible] and 18[illegible].

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$ 5 31
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Schools	12 75
[illegible] Donation	[illegible]
	$ 51 91

Expenditures.

[illegible]

Balance of Yearly Meeting apportionments	$ 75 00	
Paid for support of Missionaries in Indian Territory	215 50	
" " repairs on Mission House	50 00	
" on Wyandotte Meeting House	100 00	
" Expenses of delegates to Germantown	20 00	
Balance on hand	[illegible]	
		$ 51 91

[illegible], 18[illegible].

[illegible]

Second-day Morning, Sixth Month 17th.

The Meeting convened in joint session at the hour appointed.

[illegible] for [illegible] Cox.

[illegible] This Meeting is brought into very loving sympathy with our dear sister, S. Jane Cox, whose earnest interest in the affairs of the [illegible] pitality many of us have partaken. Our prayer for her found [illegible] at this time, that the God of all grace and consolation [illegible] be her support and her exceeding great reward. We commend to our dear sister the words of the apostle Peter in his first Epistle, Chapter 1, 3 to 7.

The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of the foregoing minute.

[illegible] [illegible] Yearly Meeting.

[illegible]

[illegible] appointed.

[illegible] to constitute a Committee on Oak Grove Seminary, [illegible] their names will appear under "Standing Committees" in the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting.

[illegible]

[illegible] report.

18. The Yearly Meeting's Committee [illegible]

[illegible] to appropriate [illegible] of the [illegible] Committee, which is referred to the Committee on Finance.

The [illegible] endorsed the petition presented by the Committee on Peace.

Report of Committee on Peace.

To the Yearly Meeting:—

The cause of Peace and Arbitration is being now agitated as never before in the history of the world; and its [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] unknown to it until these recent years.

This cause, which hitherto has failed to obtain the confidence of the statesmen of the world to any great extent [illegible] by them with [illegible] to test it in important disputes; and the results in general have been so great and so satisfactory to the [illegible] been, in fact, a great campaign of education [illegible] America. But it is a delightful reflection, [illegible] between Christian States.

It is, in this connection, a sad thought that the heathen have such inhuman and wicked examples of wars in the history of Christian nations, and that the dreadful instruments of destruction used by them are invented and used by Christian countries, with all the genius and skill which Christian civilization could furnish.

Christian States poison with opium and alcohol and continue to destroy these poor heathen in the East and Indians in America, with every refinement of skill and mechanism of the nations who are called Christian." For all this God will bring them into judgment."

The attempt to introduce the military drill into the public and private schools and colleges, at the

[illegible] Christian society at its source, is a [illegible] and protest of every person who [illegible] [illegible] nal government of this world.

And even more dangerous than this evil, and vastly [illegible] inconsistent and discouraging, is the attempt, in the [illegible] brigades and render attractive to children the glamour and tinselry of war, without depicting its barbarism, its cruelty, its horrors, and its uselessness.

Several lectures have been given within the limits of our Yearly Meeting in the interest of international arbitration [illegible] as Peace sermons and short addresses.

Attention has been given to the propagation of Peace principles in several of our Bible Schools, in one of which [illegible] in Twelfth Month), the day set apart by the Peace Societies of this world to be devoted to the interests of this reform.

Much literature has been distributed and personal work done. More would have been accomplished but for the very limited amount of money placed at our disposal.

Two members of your Committee attended the very [illegible] at Lake Mohonk, New York, and took part in the exercises of that occasion, so profitable to the cause of Peace and Arbitration.

The subject was discussed there by many earnest and wise advocates of this and other moral reforms, some of whom are eminent as leaders in the movement. The practicability of instituting some system of arbitration in place of war was plainly set forth. Much [illegible] force.

[illegible]

arbitration, the good which has followed its [illegible]
contrasted with the havoc of war.

[illegible]
ciation of the work of the American Peace Society.
We know of no better way to aid the cau[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
for cultivating a conciliatory, [illegible]
spirit among the nations, and by seeking to counteract
[illegible]
and assume a boastful and threatening attitude.
It is true that if all the denominations of Christendom
or its ministers protested against war, it would be
[illegible]
We do therefore heartily [illegible] the efforts of [illegible]

A petition to be addressed to the several Governments
of the Christian Nations of the World.

Grace, Mercy, and Peace.

We, in co-operation with other Christian bodies,
[illegible]
people, in behalf of peaceful arbitratio[illegible]
[illegible]
ing each other with heavy armaments,
[illegible]
shed or conquest, is, to say the [illegible]
in the name of Christian. [illegible]
volving the reckless sacrifice of human life,
should be held sacred. Bitter distress in m[illegible]
[illegible]

though war be averted, withdraws multitudes from their homes and the useful pursuits of peace, and imposes a heavy tax upon the people for its support.

And, further, let it be borne in mind that war does not settle causes of dispute between nations on principles of right and justice, but upon the barbaric principle of the triumph of the strongest.

We are encouraged to urge this cause upon your [illegible] accomplished; as, for example, by the arbitration of Geneva in the Alabama case, and by the deliberations of the American Conference at Washington, not to mention other important cases. It will be a happy day for the world when all international disputes find peaceful solutions; and this we earnestly seek.

As to the method of accomplishing this end, we make no suggestions, but leave that to your superior intelligence and wisdom in matters of State policy. We invoke upon rulers and people the richest blessings of the Prince of Peace.

And we, the Committee on Peace, hereby recommend to our Yearly Meeting to make its influence felt at once in this cause by joining with other Yearly Meetings and other religious denominations in this very important petition.

For the Committee,

Augustine Jones, Chairman.
Samuel Buffum, Secretary.

Condensed Report of Treasurer of Committee on Peace.

Receipts.

Balance on hand, 1874	$22 21
Received from Monthly Meetings	57 87

Expenditures.

Paid Hannah J. Bailey, for lectures	50 00
Balance on hand.	$30 08

[illegible]

satisfactory, and encouraging:—

[illegible] Yearly Meeting:—

In presenting the Annual Report of the Envel[illegible] System of raising money, we are fully assured tha[illegible] willingness and desire is manifest to practise p[illegible]tionate and systematic giving, which promises [illegible] for the future success of our work.

[illegible] Part[illegible] [illegible] anks of contributors, while Windham, Le[illegible] Maple Grove, and Sandwich, N.H. have [illegible] butions, and Greenwich has forwarded nothing [illegible]

[illegible] commendable efforts to reach the mark.

Eight Quarterly, three Monthly, and eight partic[illegible] which Scriptural beneficence has been encourag[illegible] instruction given as to the working of the system. [illegible] efforts have been made to interest the members [illegible] minding them on the last Sabbath of each month [illegible] the offering to be taken the following week, and repo[illegible] to them, at least as often as every three months, [illegible] amount of money received.

Some Meetings succeed well in collecting the offe[illegible] during the Meeting for Worship on First day. In one Me[illegible] care was taken to mail an envelope each to busy bu[illegible] men on the day before the offering was due, which se[illegible] as a reminder to them, and it frequently was [illegible]

[illegible]

member, both male and female, who might be expected [illegible] [illegible].

The following is the tabulated statement:—

[illegible] the Benevolent Objects Carried on by the Yearly Meeting.

Monthly Meetings.	Gospel Voice.	Foreign Missions.	Western Indians.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Temperance.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting.										
Rhode Island	$20 50	$20 75	$18 00	$8 00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]										[illegible]
Swansea	87 15	94 05	34 14	26 65	11 90	10 25	2 35	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Providence	13 00	49 00	50 00	60 00	8 50	17 00	5 00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
S. Kingston	–	11 50	–	–			–		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting.										
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–	–	53 25	243 00
Weare	2 00	2 00	1 50		[illegible]	[illegible]		1 50	11 00	206 55
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3 [illegible]	134 96	121 50
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.										
Sandwich, Ms.	$5 00	$27 00	$36 00	$22 00	$5 00	–	–	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dartmouth	4 34	–	6 91	2 82	1 00	$5 25	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
Westport	15 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	9 00	–		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	–	[illegible]	[illegible]				–	–	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.										
Falmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–	–	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–	[illegible]				–	[illegible]	[illegible]
Windham	–		–	–						[illegible]
[illegible]	–		–	–						[illegible]
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.										
Smithfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		–	[illegible]	[illegible]
Uxbridge	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	14 50	9 00	4 75			[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting.										
[illegible]	$9 25	$1 00	$3 00	$1 00	$1 25	$1 77	–	–	$17 27	$185 62½
China	–	8 00	1 00	1 00	–	1 00	–	60	11 60	129 [illegible]
Unity	–		–	–						[illegible]
[illegible]	–		–							

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting.

Dover	$3.00	$3.00	$5.00	$3.00	-	-	-	-	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]					[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting.

Sidney	$5.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	$5.00	[illegible]
Winthrop	92.89	$55.88	$12.00	-	$6.52	$28.00	-	$2.00	197.29	[illegible]
St. Albans	5.21	8.21	-	-	-	2.36	-	-	[illegible]	[illegible]

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting.

[illegible]										[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-	-	[illegible]	-	-	[illegible]	[illegible]
Totals	$630.15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]									[illegible]	
[illegible]									[illegible]	

For the Finance Committee,
[illegible], Secretary.

Committee on Temperance report.

40. The Committee on Temperance presented this [illegible] showing that hard work had been done in this [illegible] the year.

This committee shall hereafter be known as the Yearly Meeting's Committee on the Suppression of [illegible]

Report of Committee on Temperance.

To the Yearly Meeting:

With deep gratitude to our loving Heavenly Fa[illegible] for his many mercies, and under whose all-seeing eye[illegible] have labored, we submit the following:—

[illegible] thousand pages of leaflets, tracts, and papers, and [illegible] addition to this some members have distributed 10,912 [illegible] of leaflets and tracts very profitably, we trust.

The Sabbath School for the most part continues [illegible] up the temperance lessons.

In one quarter some work has been done in visiting the day schools and talking on the evils [illegible]

In one city Friends united with the [illegible]

[illegible]

Temperance slides have been [illegible] which have contributed greatly to the interest and efficiency of his work among the natives at Jam[illegible]

Superintendent of Lectures reports that fifty four lectures and addresses have been given, and twelve sermons preached on the subject of temperance within the past year. Several public meetings have been held in the interest of this work [illegible]

[illegible] have been held or lectures given in each of the [illegible] except one. Two lectures at our Yearly Meeting School [illegible] Salboro were given. There is a deepening interest in [illegible]

Two hundred thousand saloons are striving to counteract the temperance efforts put forth in our country, and to [illegible] While this is so, the Church must never furl the banner of total abstinence and prohibition. Let us be known to all the world as relentless in our efforts against this ungodly [illegible] sanctified heart will direct the hand the way that will, with God's blessing help to stop this great evil.

[illegible] of last year, a memorial was prepared and signed by our Clerks, asking for a Commission of Inquiry to be appointed by Congress with regard to the effects of the liquor traffic on our national prosperity; also that other Yearly Meetings co-operate with us in this appeal. We are glad to say that a very general interest was manifested by other Yearly Meetings [illegible] much interesting correspondence has resulted. The [illegible] of constant efforts in this direction, the matter has been put into the hands of the Labor Commission, and we are very [illegible] of results.

We request that the Yearly Meeting change the name of this Committee so that in the future it shall be known as the Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor traffic.

In consideration of the terrible destruction of human happiness by the saloon, we would advise our members at all times to work in every legitimate way for its utter destruction, and especially so by the [illegible] of the franchise.

Mary E. Robinson, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report of Committee on Temperance.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$2.92
Received loan from Yearly Meeting Treasurer	50 00
" " " Monthly Meeting "	138 43
" from Mary C. Baylies	1 00
" " M. S. Paige, collection at East Lynn	5 3[illegible]
" " a member of the Committee	73 00
	$27[illegible]

Expenditures.

Paid J. R. Buffinton, Treasurer Yearly Meeting, Loan	$50 00
" on account of Lectures	187 75
" on account of Literature	22 94
" Lucy A. Snow, Travelling expenses	10 00
	$270 69

Respectfully submitted,
Elisha T. Read, Treasurer.

Portland, Sixth Month 17th, 1895.

Note. For a detailed statement of receipts from Monthly Meetings, see report of the Financial Secretary.

Christian [illegible] 41. The Report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been read, and is satisfactory. We are grateful for the earnest and effectual work that has been done by this organization, and bid them Go[illegible] in every good word and work.

Annual Report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

To New England Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,— As we close another year in our Endeavor Union work, feelings of discouragement and satisfaction have struggled for the ascendency. A brief review, however, of what has been accomplished stimulates [illegible] courage, and we exclaim from the heart, Surely the [illegible] has been with us, owning and crowning the service we [illegible] undertaken in His name.

Our membership, both active and associate, has in[illegible] thirteen and one half and sixty-five per cent, respectively, [illegible]

[illegible]

Friends. This in the face of the fact that the number of societies has made no material increase is a very encouraging feature. The young people of at least three Friends' settlements, unite with other denominations in Union Christian Endeavor [illegible] support an organization of their own.

Definite work is now being accomplished in the interests of missions. All of our societies except five report contributions for the work amounting to about $[illegible], all of which has been appropriated to work among the Western Indians; Blue Ridge Mission and Ramallah have been aided in [illegible] has been given to home work. We rejoice in this combined effort to bring to the needy both temporal and spiritual aid.

The Junior Department of our work is rapidly developing and being greatly blessed. The number of societies has increased [illegible] from fifty-five to one hundred and ninety-three. In the young is the hope of the future church, and we believe that the merest child is susceptible of Christian influence and training. May the dear Lord especially bless this work and give us an earnest desire and the ability to lead the children early to his feet.

While our Union has not accomplished what it is both our privilege and duty to do, we feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for what has been done, and trust the comi[illegible] will be blessed with greater consecrated effort among all our members.

Respectfully, for the Union,

[illegible]

[illegible]

Adjourned. Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Second-day Afternoon the 17th.

[illegible] Friends convened pursuant to adjournment.

[illegible] 42. Epistles were read from Ohio, North Carolina, and [illegible] Yearly Meetings.

[illegible] 43. We have received official notification of the opening of [illegible] California Yearly Meeting as [illegible]

Whittier, Cal., 2d of Fourth Month, 1895.

Yearly Meeting.

To New England Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,— The Delegates appointed by the [illegible] of Ca[illegible] Yearly Meeting met and organized at Whittier, Cal., the 25th of Third Month, 1895, by the appointment of Chairman and Secretary. We attended the Meeting [illegible] Ministry and Oversight on the day preceding the [illegible] of the Yearly Meeting, and assisted in organizing [illegible] Yearly Meeting, on the 26th day of Third Month, 18[illegible] by first calling the Meeting to order and reading [illegible] Minutes of Pasadena Quarterly Meeting embodying the original request of California Friends as presented to Iowa Yearly Meeting in 1872, and all the correspondence between Iowa Yearly Meeting and California Friends, represented by Pasadena Quarterly Meeting, to and including the granting of the request by Iowa Yearly Meeting in 1874, with the unity and concurrence of ten of the Sister Yearly Meetings, all of which were represented in this opening, save one, by delegates as follows:—

Iowa	Five delegates
Indiana	Two delegates
New England	Two delegates
New York	Two delegates
North Carolina	Two delegates
Ohio	Two delegates
Western	Two delegates
Kansas	Three delegates
Wilmington	Two delegates
[illegible]	[illegible]

On completing the reading of the correspondence aforesaid, and the Minutes of Iowa Yearly Meeting authorizing the establishment of California Yearly Meeting, our Chairman proposed to California Friends [illegible] by the appointment of temporary officers, [illegible] done, and the Meeting organized as we believe, [illegible] spirit and power of the Lord. We attended all [illegible] various sessions thereof, which we think [illegible]

was preached, as we reply believe, by men and women of God, and the Holy Spirit manifested his living [illegible] from day to day.

Our Chairman and Secretary are directed to sign [illegible] Yearly Meetings.

Mary H. Goddard, Secretary.
Cyrus Beede, Chairman.

Also have received verbal report from our Delegates to attend the opening of same meeting. We have also [illegible] and read the epistle of California Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] 44. The Committee on Education propose that a change be made in their construction of our statistical table, which, being approved, the change will appear in the blanks issued for the present year.

[illegible] 45. The Bible School Committee, through its Secretary, presented their annual report, together with tabulated statement and Treasurer's report.

The report is interesting and satisfactory. The [illegible] of a committee to have care of this work the coming year is referred to the Nominating Committee.

Report on Bible Schools.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:—

Dear Friends,— Of all the different departments of work in which our Society is interested, that of the Bible [illegible]

[illegible]

fall, and have been learned by a number of our scho

Home Department of Bible Study. We have fo

arranged for and presided over

Superintendents. We solicit the

Records. Our new record books have but re

n sent to our schools. We very much regret

necessary delay in having

offer made by the Dep

no libraries, provided they meet the

at deal of wisdom and discretion should

attention of your Superintendent to a book when you have read it, and it seems especially adapted to our libraries.

Some of our schools might like the plan used by others, that is, of appropriating a certain sum of [illegible] and expending it for books each month. If we could buy [illegible] new books to our libraries, and thus make [illegible]

A general conference was talked of last fall, but did not seem to be at all practicable, especially as we had but three days and ninety cents in the [illegible].

Visitation. Very little visiting has been done by the Superintendents for various reasons. Salem Quarterly Meeting has set a very good example for the rest to follow, in that they have appropriated a certain sum of money to defray the travelling expenses of their Superintendent, which will undoubtedly add to the efficiency of their work.

Normal Course Study. I hope that our schools will have classes formed for this normal study. A very good manual is that published in St. Louis, by W. F. Semelroth. It would not be difficult for the boys and girls to take this up with their studies, and never in their lives will they be more willing to take up the Sabbath school work than in early years of manhood and womanhood; consequently we should train them for it. Some of our schools are very much in need of workers; this seems to be [illegible]

One of our Superintendents wrote that he had a young lady in his school so desirous of teaching that she [illegible] and the verdict was, she is successful in her work. May we have more just such workers.

The Superintendents of Rhode Island, Salem, [illegible] the work done in their Quarterly Meetings.

Some of these have visited schools in their districts, while others have taken an active part in the conferences. All speak of the interest [illegible]

manifested in these schools.

If any of our workers are d[illegible] entreat you not to get discouraged, but to [illegible] onward.

"On, fellow laborers, onward go;
Wide scatter the precious grain.
Though the fruit may never be seen [illegible]
Be sure the seed of the Word shall [illegible]
Go on in faith, and thou soon [illegible]
Thy labor is not in vain."

M. L. Chase,
Sup[illegible]

[illegible]

Location of [illegible]	Local Superintendents Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newport	Anna B. Macomber, 59 Farewell, Newport, [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Joseph H. Atwater, 116 Pine, Providence, R. I.	Providence	[illegible]	[illegible]
Providence	Robert P. Gifford, Providence, R. I.	Providence	[illegible]	[illegible]
Somerset	G. [illegible] Chace, Fall River, Mass. Box 355	Swansea	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner, Fall River, Mass.	Swansea	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
Amesbury	Daniel C. [illegible], 12 [illegible], Amesbury	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
East Lynn	Chas. E. Bishop, 40 Greson Ave., Lynn, Mass.	Salem	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
Lawrence	Stephen Swett, Haverhill, Mass.	Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lowell	Charles Kelley, Lowell, Mass.	Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lynn	George C. Herbert, Lynn, Mass.	Salem	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Salem	George H. Jones, 85 Highland Ave., Salem		[illegible]	[illegible]
South Pittsfield	A. N. Peaslee, South Pittsfield, N. H.	Amesbury	[illegible]	
West Epping	Moses C. Nichols, West Epping, N. H.	Amesbury	12	
	Totals		639	[illegible]
[illegible]	Henry A. Allen, Dartmouth, Mass.	Dartmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Elbridge L. Faunce, So. Dartmouth	Dartmouth	77	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Long Plain	Richard Davis, Long Plain	New Bedford	30	
Acushnet	Adelaide V. Wilbur, Acushnet, Mass.	New Bedford	12	
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[illegible]	Wm. [illegible] Hacker, Westbrook, Maine	Falmouth	32	16
[illegible]	Mahlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.	Durham	63	40
Lewiston	J. F. Richardson, 68 Ward St., Lewiston	Lewiston	95	50
Portland	Fred C. Dearborn, 44 Winter St., Portland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
South Durham	Henry M. Snow, South Durham, Me.	Durham	73	37
Windham	Lucy A. Hawkes, Windham	Windham	42	23½
	Totals		401	227½
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West Mansfield	Bible Class	Woonsocket		
Northbridge	Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.	Uxbridge	[illegible]	
Worcester	D. M. Babcock, 17 Sudbury St., Worcester, Mass.	Uxbridge	64	35
Woonsocket	James S. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.	Smithfield	183	100
	Totals		344	171
China	George E. Roberts, China, Me.	China	[illegible]	[illegible]
East Vassalboro	Allen W. Pinkham, Lambs Cor., E. Vassalboro	Vassalboro	[illegible]	[illegible]
Maple Grove	J. W. Plummer, Fort Fairfield, Me	Unity	18	
South China	Emma Plaisted, South China, Me.	China	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unity	Etta M. Varney, Unity, Me.	Unity	31	[illegible]
West China	C. A. Pinkham, China, Me.	West China	26	[illegible]
	Totals		200	[illegible]
Dover	Clarence J. Pinkham, Dover, N. H.	Dover	[illegible]	[illegible]
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N. Berwick	Wm. T. Hussey, N. Berwick, Me.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Augusta	James Plummer, 11 South Chestnut St., Augusta	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hallowell	A. F. Morse, Hallowell, Me.			
Manchester	A. W. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
North Fairfield	Geo. B. Wing, North Fairfield, Me.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Centre Sidney	Sarah E. Shepherd, Centre Sidney	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Albans	Jesse W. Chandler, St. Albans, Me.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Winthrop Centre	C. P. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
West Gardiner	John Pinkham, West Gardiner	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Totals		[illegible]	[illegible]
East Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland, East Parsonsfield	Parsonsfield	46	30
North Sandwich	Cornelius Turner, North Sandwich	Sandwich	47	27
	Totals		93	57
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Key to Lesson [illegible]

A, Friends Quarterly. B, Peloubet's. C, Sunday School Times. D, E. S. Journal. E, Scholar's Magazine. F, Lesson Cards. G, Intermediate 2, Mrs. Kennedy. H, David Cook's Publications. I, Berean Senior Quarterly.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Bible School for New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Receipts.

Cash received from former Treasurer	$84 90
[illegible] from [illegible] Meetings	100 49
" " Bible Schools	11 98
	$197 37

Treasurer of Committee on Bible Schools.

Expenditures

Paid Committee on Freedmen for Marysville School	$75 00
" printing and stationery	10 00
124 Record Books	41 60
" books for Bible Schools at Windham, Me.	10 00
" " " " " " Lisbon Falls, Me.	8 00
" postage	3 68
" sundry small expenses of the Committee	1 50
Balance now on hand	37 59
	$197 37

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Fall River, Mass. Sixth Month 14th, 1895.

Report of Committee [illegible]

46. The committee to whom was intrusted the application of the income of H. H. Mosher Fund have presented [illegible]

The nomination of a new committee is referred to the Nominating Committee.

Report of Trustees of Mosher Fund

47. The trustees of the above fund presented their report which is approved, viz.:—

Report of the Trustees of the Mosher Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The funds in our hands are as follows:

City of Boston registered 5% (gold) bond	$10 000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings deposit	1 078 65
Lynn Institution for Savings deposit	2 736 80
	$13 815 45

We have received five hundred dollars interest on the City of Boston Bond, and have paid the same to J. E. Paige, Treasurer of the Committee, to disburse the income of this fund.

For the Trustees,

Owen Dame.

Portland, Sixth Month 15th, 1895.

Report of Committee on Income of Mosher Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Report of Committee on Income [illegible]

Your Committee report that two hundred copies of an address by James Wood, entitled "The Society of Friends and its Mission," have been distributed. More than three hundred copies of the "[illegible] Friend" have been subscribed for. Two hundred and eight copies of "The Present Tenses of the Blessed Life," a small volume by F. B. Meyer, have been purchased. [illegible] in America," by Allen C. and Richard H. Thomas, have been bought.

One hundred copies [illegible] by Fe[illegible] G. Cartland, now in the hands of the publisher, have been arranged for; the book relates to the sufferings of Friends in our late Civil War.

[illegible] Marble, Secretary.

[illegible]

H. H. Mosher Fund.

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Receipts.

Balance in hand from last year's account	$190 21	
Received from Trustees	500 00	$690 2[illegible]

Payments.

Treasurer's [illegible] Mosher Fund.

309 copies of "American Friend"	$339 57	
200 " " "Society of Friends and its Mission," with postage on same	9 40	
100 " "Present Tenses of the Blessed Life," with expenses on same	67 05	
8 " of "Future Tenses of Blessed Life" (for examination by Committee)	3 00	
58 " of "History of Friends" (with postage)	42 91	
Advanced to F. G. Cartland for 100 copies of "[illegible]"	[illegible]	
Sundry items of expenses by members of Committee	5 77	
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John Elwood Paige, Treasurer.

Portland, [illegible] 17th, 1875.

48. The Committee on Freedmen presented their report, including that of the Principal of Maryville Institute, which is approved. Like other efforts for the [illegible] of the cause of humanity, this institution is feeling the pressure of the times, and it is the conclusion of the Meeting to advance the sum of one thousand dollars [illegible] to the Committee.

The request for an appropriation for five hundred dollars is referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of the Committee on Freedmen.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Our interests at Maryville continue the same as last year, except the situation has become more [illegible] in the additional financial obligations which have been incurred.

The attendance has again been much larger than [illegible] to.

[illegible] evidence of Christian [illegible] prevailing in the home influences of the school, and we desire most earnestly that the Yearly Meeting will take such action this year as will secure to our [illegible] of the South the continued Christian advantages of this institution.

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Receipts.

[illegible]	[illegible]
Three Friends at Yearly Meeting, 1894	135 00
Other donations	9 53
From Yearly Meeting appropriation	500 00
Contributions from Monthly Meetings	223 43
Quarterly fines, Trustee George Sturge Fund	1,480 69
" " " H. C. Camp Fund	57 23
" " " R. F. Knowles "	13 57
	[illegible]

Expenditures.

Paid L. H. Garner, Principal, on wages account	$1,013 76
" for aid to students from Geo. Sturge Fund, Fall Term	297 19
" " " " " " " " " Spring "	1,183 50
	$2,494 4[illegible]

The Committee,

Robert P. Gifford, Treasurer.

Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal [illegible]
[illegible], Tenn., for the Year 1894-95.

Number of days taught	190
Number enrolled	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] graduating in the Elementary Course	11

In making our Annual Report to the Yearly Meeting we desire to acknowledge the protecting care of our Heavenly Father, whose guidance has been felt in every department of our work; and we pray that we may enter upon the coming year's work with greater zeal, realizing that with God's abiding presence and blessing [illegible].

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George Sturge Fund.

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Balance for new account	[illegible]
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Expenditures.

Eighth Month 7th, 1895. Paid Freedmen's Committee. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]
Interest on Mortgage for $1,000	60 00
	$ [illegible]

Expenditures.

[illegible]d Committee on Freedmen, Second Month 2d, 1895	$30 00
" " " " Fifth Month 24th, 1895	27 23
Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit	10 00
	[illegible]

On behalf of the Trustees,

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Epistles from Wilmington, Baltimore and Western [illegible]	50. Epistles were read from our Friends of Wilmington, Baltimore, and Western Yearly Meetings. We have enjoyed these tokens of love and sympathy.
Adjourned.	Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Third-day Morning, Sixth Month 18th.
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Epistles from Indiana, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings read.	51. Epistles from Indiana, Iowa, and Kansas Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read.
Request from Falmouth Qrly Meeting	52. The request received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting is referred to the Representatives in attendance at this Meeting.
Request from Dover [illegible]	53. The request from Dover Quarterly Meeting is referred to the [illegible].
Requests from Sandwich and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.	54. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting proposes that in First and Fourth Months the Meeting shall convene at 11 A. M. instead of 11.30, as at present. Fairfield Quarterly Meeting asks that this Meeting be held in Ninth Month at Winthrop, instead of St. Albans as at present. Both requests were united with by the Meeting.
Minute No. 68 of last year adopted.	55. The Minute No. 68 of last year was now considered, and the Meeting was fully united in adopting this minute as a part of our Discipline.

It was suggested that this portion be printed on slips to be inserted in our Book of Discipline. The Clerk was directed to cause two thousand copies to be printed, and call on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the amount requisite to defray the expenses.

56. The names of the following Friends were received from the Nominating Committee to form a Committee on the Care of the Western Indians: William C. Newhall, [illegible]

On Peace, Benjamin F. Smeblood, Thomas Wood, and others.

For the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, Joseph Atwater, Louisa N. Meader, and others.

They are appointed to the service.

57. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of society as developed in the answers to the queries. The answers are as follows:

Summary.

1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except some of the meetings at [illegible] tucket, fifty-nine in other places, and a few [illegible] exceptions noted, but the number not given.

Meetings on First day are duly attended, and nearly at the hour appointed, by most of our members.

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2. [illegible]

would [illegible].

3. Friends are generally careful to maintain a [illegible] life and conversation, and to train their [illegible] others under their care in accordance with [illegible]

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4. [illegible]

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encourage their children and others in the daily p[illegible] of this religious duty.

Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maint[illegible] with a few exceptions.

5. With twenty-four exceptions, Friends abstain fro[illegible] use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Nearly clear in regard to amusements and diver[illegible] inconsistent with a Christian character.

6. The circumstances of the poor receive due att[illegible] and care is taken to educate their children.

7. With few exceptions, clear as to military matters and oaths. Clear as to defrauding the public revenue.

8. We think Friends, with few exceptions, are ca[illegible] to inspect their affairs and to settle their accounts. Se[illegible] exceptions noted as to the fulfillment of promises and payment of debts.

9. Careful as to records. Not quite clear as to certificates.

10. The discipline, when administered, has been in Christian tenderness, but not always as timely as [illegible]uld be best.

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to time or place, but as we prayerfully gather together in worship, His promise is fulfilled, to be in the midst. Precious unfoldings of the truth are given to the soul thus shut in with God, sometimes intended for the comfort and instruction of the individual, sometimes to be shared with others around.

In the busy, restless age in which we live we cannot afford to lose the strength which comes in thus leaving the cares of the world for a season, and com[illegible] with the Lord. "No man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." It is impossible to measure our influence for good or evil. The circle may widen until the wave set in motion by our actions may reach the shores of the Haven of Rest, or some poor wand[illegible] may, by our inconsistencies, be turned from the way of life.

In this day when the Christian churches are [illegible] with interest in the subject of Peace, it is incumbent upon Friends to maintain the high

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standard upheld by our ancestors. The [illegible] of the brotherhood of man, and the principles of Christian forbearance still need to be prominently asserted.

While thankful for the favorable circumstances surrounding us, and the Christian training of godly parents, we should be patient with the erring ones who have been stumbled in the path which we, in our weakness, have trodden.

Let no disparaging word be heard against the character of any one, but in loving, prayerful effort may we seek to bring the wanderers to Christ. God will hear and answer prayer, and give to us those for whose salvation we so earnestly yearn. "Be not discouraged by apparent failures; the question is not, must a man fail, but whether he will rise again."

The work of the church is twofold,— to bring in converts, and to build up Christian character. "Take this child away and nurse it for me," is the message of the Spirit to-day, and as she fulfills her mission God will give His blessing. Filled with the spirit of her Lord, she will seek the lost and with patience and meekness strive to raise them, and build them up in the most holy faith.

Immortal interests are in the hands of those who know the Lord. See to it that all are faithful in doing "with their might, what their hands find to do," so that when the home calls shall be sounded, they can say, "Lord

[illegible] quested to appoint the Yearly Meeting

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that service at present.

Bequests.

62. The bequests of Eleanor Cattell and Christopher Wray have been received, and appropriated according to the wills of the donors. The bequest of Sarah H. He[illegible]

[illegible]

63. The subject of building a vault at Friends' Scho[illegible]

[illegible] Representative Meeting.

64. The Representatives to whom was referred the request of Dover Quarterly Meeting presented the following which was accepted by the Meeting, viz:—

[illegible] Dover Quarterly Meeting.

[illegible] may be received as requests for membership, and Monthly Meetings have the privilege of granting letters of recommendation to other denominations for any of our members who give evidence of having been born [illegible] who wish to unite themselves with other bodies of [illegible].

Request of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.

65. In regard to the request from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, they report that they could not [illegible] the advisability of adopting this proposition.

Paragraphs to be inserted in Book of Discipline.

They, however, recommend that the following paragraphs should be inserted in our Book of Discipline immediately following that part of the Discipline adopted by the Yearly Meeting at the morning session, Sixth Month 18th, 1895.

The important subjects claimed the serious consideration of the Meeting, and were united with, and directed to be placed as proposed in our Book of Discipline for presentation. The Clerk is directed to have [illegible] tracing these subjects, to be inserted as proposed.

1. It is the conclusion of this Meeting that if any of our members, either by practice or teaching, advocate [illegible] in their respective Meetings while they continue such practice or teaching.

2. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

67. The Nominating Committee presented the names of [illegible] Bible School Committees, whose names will appear under "Standing Committees".

Supt. of Bible Schools. 68. Superintendent of Bible Schools, Mary L. Chase.

Appropriation wanted. 69. An appropriation of $25 was asked to pay for printing reports of Oskaloosa Educational Conference, which was referred to Finance Committee.

Adjourned. Adjourned to meet in separate session to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Fourth-day Morning, Sixth Month 19th.

[illegible] [illegible] to adjournment.

70. The Auditors presented their report, which is satisfactory. We approve of the recommendation [illegible] the first of Fifth Month next.

We also appoint Samuel R. Buffington for Treasurer of this meeting, James H. Chase [illegible] Treasurer of [illegible] and Joseph E. Briggs for Treasurer of Oak [illegible]

Treasurers appointed.

Auditors' Report.

[illegible]

Receipts.

Balance last year	$1,160 46	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	550 00	
Salem Quarterly Meeting	450 00	
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	500 00	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	[illegible]	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	[illegible]	
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting	137 50	
Dover Quarterly Meeting	150 00	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	300 00	
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting	50 00	
Loans by notes on demand	3,000 00	
Sales of "Book of Discipline"	15 30	
[illegible]	84 24	
Temperance Committee returned loan	50 00	
Peace Committee returned loan	50 00	$6,860 00

[illegible]

Yearly meeting expenses	$399 50
Paid rent of Safe Deposit Box	5 00
" interest on Oak Grove Note	75 00
" principal account (Oak Grove Note)	500 00
(Balance due on note $1,000.)	
[illegible]	500 00
" " " [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	556 93
" [illegible]	36 06
Loans returned	3,000 00
[illegible] Committee	40 00
" [illegible] Committee	50 00
" Peace Committee Loan	50 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands	1,122 51
	$6,860 00

[illegible]

71. [illegible]

and also a list of the amounts called for by the respective committees for their use.

[illegible]

R. Purdy, Fernando G. Cartland, Susie Norris, [illegible] Strout, Lindley A. Wells, Barclay [illegible] Watson, and John Henry Douglass.

The minute is approved by this and the Women's Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each of the above with a copy signed on our behalf.

Committee on Distribution of Mosher Fund.

73. The Committee on Nominations presented names [illegible] whose names appear under "Standing Committee".

The report was approved, with the concurrence of Women Friends.

[illegible]

74. The answers to [illegible] Ministry and Oversight, together wit[illegible] that Meeting, have been read, viz:—

[illegible]

1. [illegible] our meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

2. With a few exceptions, we are in unity [illegible]

[illegible]

Extract from the Meeting
and Oversight.

individual member who has received any
debtor to those about him, and that the work in
practical application of the use of every talent. It
is not the ministry of one set type or of a
in the presentation of the truth.

We need to keep ourselves true and warm, we
from the heart, and then we shall be instruments
for the salvation of men. Every member should go to
meeting, saying, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"
More earnestness is needed in these days in urging
every member of the family to attend the
individual private worship is not enough for the
maintenance of strong spiritual life and power. We
from the meeting together of God's children and the
the house of worship.

It is a universal command, and all
Master's choice.

A church that is powerful in the earth is made
find his service, and performing it with gladness
and fidelity, whether it be in business occupation,
in the home, or in the definite lines of
service. The practical work of the church is to
cater men, as it was of the first apostles.

thoroughly alive and are doing the work
we called, the world will soon know

ministry ought to be as high as God
everything else is secondary. There is
infinitely more important than to man

pearing of a meeting where
ministry working in perfect harmony with the
ministry and exercise of the whole body.

The Eldership is not simply an empty position
of honor, but the Elders should take an active part

expression on the attendance of any one minister
or any number of ministers. The meeting should

speak with a real experience of the struggles and [illegible] highest efficiency, we shall be careful not to [illegible] [illegible] people [illegible] great.

Rufus M. Jones, Clerk.

75. The Committee on Finance for 1895 and 1896 recommend the following appropriations from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting, viz.:—

Appropriations.

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$525 00
Principal and Interest on Oak Grove Note	550 00
Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	500 00
[illegible]	[illegible]
Toward payment of note on Portland Meeting-house	250 00
Expenses of Finance Committee	25 00
	$[illegible]

which report is approved by this and the Women's Meeting.

Adjourned.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 2.30 P. M.

Fourth-day afternoon, Sixth Month [illegible]

Assembled.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjou[illegible]

Committee on arrangements.

76. The following Committee has been appointed to make all necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the session of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open. They are also requested to propose times and places for the various committees to meet, which are now or may be then under appointment, viz.:—

For One Year.

John A. Macomber, James M. Estes,
[illegible] [illegible]

For Two Years.

Thomas Wood, Lewis M. Douglass,
Almira B. Buffum, Myra E. Frye.

For Th[illegible] Y[illegible].

[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] with:—

The Meeting was united in proposing that the Yearly Meeting of 1876 be held in separate sessions on Fourth-day morning.

Taken from the Minutes.

[illegible]

Epistle to [illegible]

78. An epistle to our friends in Ramallah was read and approved. The reading of this letter brought our [illegible] pones, who are soon to go out to labor in Bible lands. A season of prayer followed, in which our friends were liberated by the church to the service to which [illegible] before them, strengthening them in their labor of love.

[illegible]

79. The Committee on correspondence presented drafts [illegible] were read and approved.

They also furnished copies of letters to the young people, to the children of New England Yearly Meeting, and to the sick and afflicted, which were approved, and the Clerks were directed to sign all the essays [illegible] epistles are to be printed and circulated within the limits of our Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] peo- [illegible]

Minutes printed.

80. It was directed that two thousand six hundred copies of our Minutes be printed, and the Clerks are [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] ted that the Clerk should call special attention of the Monthly Meetings to certain portions of the Minutes which might be helpful to the Subordinate Meetings.

Standing Committees of the Yearly Meeting.

[illegible]

For One Year.

Augustine Jones	Providence, R.I.
William C. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R.I.
George H. Farr	Lewiston, Me.
Alice M. Dow	Bolton, Mass.
Eliza P. Pierce	East Vassalboro, Me.
Lydia M. C. Tuttle	Dover, N.H.
Jesse McPherson	Winthrop Centre, Me.
John B. Cartland	North Sandwich, N.H.
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Charles A. Chase	Fall River, Mass.
D. Wheeler Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Lucy R. Goddard	Woodfords, Me.
Owen Dame	Lynn, Mass.
Charles H. Thorndike	Concord, N.H.
[illegible]	[illegible]

For Two Years.

Phebe S. Aydelott	Fall River, Mass.
Daniel C. Mayfield	Amesbury, Mass.
John B. Bayliss	New Bedford, Mass.
John J. Frye	Portland, Me.
Deborah P. Atherton	Uxbridge, Mass.
Annie M. Ray	South China, Me.
William P. Tuttle	Dover, N.H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Lydia A. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	East Parsonsfield, Me.
[illegible]	[illegible]

For One Year.

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
John J. Frye. Mary A. Crosman.
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
Barker Newhall Rufus M. Jones.

Real Estate Committee.

[illegible]

[illegible] H. Chace. Samuel R. Buffinton.

[illegible]

Olney T. Meader. Robert P. Gifford.

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Chairman, George A. Barton.
Secretary, Anna F. Hall, Windham Centre, Me.
Treasurer, John Ellwood Paige, Lynn, Mass.

[illegible]

George A. Barton, Rufus M. Jones.
Anna F. Hall

[illegible]

[illegible] E. Frye. J. Ellwood Paige.
Ruth S. Murray.

[illegible]

[illegible]trude W. Cartland. Sarah Marble.
Wilmot R. Jones.

Committee on Bureau.

Chairman, Benjamin F. [illegible], [illegible]
Treasurer, Thomas [illegible], [illegible]
Secretary, Samuel Buffum [illegible]

For One Year.

Benjamin F. [illegible]	[illegible]
Thomas [illegible]	[illegible]
Samuel Buffum	[illegible]
Hannah J. [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

For Two Years.

Nathaniel W. Gifford	New Bedford, Mass.
[illegible]	[illegible]
Mary C. Baylies.	New Bedford, Mass.
Samuel R. Buffinton	Fall River, Mass.
James M. Estes	Vassalboro, Me.
George H. Farr	Lewiston, Me.

For Three Years.

Martha E. Hoag	North Sandwich, N. H.
Elizabeth K. Jones	South China [illegible]
S. Jane Cox	Portland, Me.
Sarah A. Hill	Amesbury, Mass.
[illegible]	[illegible]
Gertrude W. Cartland	Newburyport, Mass.

Organization of the Committee on Suppression of [illegible] Buffum.

President, Joseph H. Atwater, Providence, R. I.
Secretary, [illegible], Worcester, Mass.
[illegible]
Superintendent of Liberation, [illegible]
Superintendent of Lectures, Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]
Elisha T. Read.	Mary A. Chase.

Hannah J. Bailey.

General Committee for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

For One Year.

Joseph H. Atwater.	Providence, R.I.
Louisa N. Meader	Saylesville, R.I.
William Wood	La[illegible]
Mary A. Chase	Manchester, N.H.
Joshua L. Macomber	Mattapoisett, [illegible]
George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass.
Susan M. Seabury	New Bedford, Mass.

For Two Years.

Mary C. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R.I.
Ella L. Andrews	Worcester, Mass.
Josiah B. Holder	Lewiston, Me.
Lucy A. Snow	Windham Centre, Me.
George H. Cates	East Vassalboro, Me.
Emma F. R. Goddard	Vassalboro, Me.

For Three Years.

Charles E. Peaslee	Gonic, N.H.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N.H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Clara W. Bowery	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Leslie C. Meader	North Sandwich, N.H.
Mary L. Cobb	East Parsonsfield, Me.
[illegible]	[illegible]

Committee on Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

Chairman, Charles M. Bailey
Secretary, J. Warren Hawkes
Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Joseph E. Briggs. Emma S. Briggs.
John J. Frye. Myra E. Frye.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Jesse McPherson. Sarah Marble.
[illegible] H. Cates. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] Corresponding Secretary, [illegible]
New Bedford, Mass.
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

For Three Years.

Samuel Buffum	Guilelma E. Wood.
Henry D. Swift.	Martha E. Hoag.
C. Wheeler Swift.	Elizabeth R. Jones.

Mary W. Jones, of Winthrop Centre.

Committee on Western Indians.

Chairman, William C. Newhall.
Secretary, Myra E. Frye.
Recording Secretary, Sarah J. Swift.
Treasurer, Samuel Buffum.

For One Year.

William C. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Augustine Jones	Friends School, Providence, R.I.
John J. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N.H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Joseph D. Wood	634 Warren St., Roxbury, Mass.
Electa J. Collins	Great Barrington, Mass.

[illegible]	[illegible]
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Lizzie M. Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

For Three Years.

Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Emma D. Briggs	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Mary D. Collins	Hopkinton City, R.I.
Susan H. Meader	634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.
Olivia B. Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
John D. Kimber	Newport, R.I.
Eliza T. Reed	Woonsocket, R.I.

William C. Newhall	John D. Kimber
Emeline H. Tuttle	Myra E. Frye.

[illegible] Committee.

[illegible], Robert [illegible].

For One Year.

Joseph E. Briggs. Susan F. Hoxie.

For Two Years.

George [illegible]. [illegible].

Three Years.

[illegible]. [illegible].

Organization of Gospel Committee.

Chairman, Charles H. [illegible].
Secretary, Harriette D. Collins.
Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents of Gospel Work.
[illegible].
Salem, Charles H. Thorndike.
Sandwich, William P. Macomber.
Falmouth, Henry F. Newell.
Smithfield, Salome C. Wheeler.
Vassalboro, James M. Estes.
[illegible].
[illegible].
[illegible], Silas H. Cartland.

At Large

For One Year.

Joseph E. Briggs.

For Two Years.

Harriette D. Collins.

For Three Years.

Charles H. [illegible].

Church Extension Board.

Chairman, [illegible].
Secretary, [illegible].
Treasurer, [illegible].

Thomas Ford — John J. Frye.
Timothy B. Hussey. — Melvin M. Bailey.

For Two Years.

Charles M. Bailey — Phebe S. Ardelott.

For Three Years.

Emma M. Gore — Sarah W. Newlin.

Trustees.

D. Wheeler Swift, one year. — Samuel Buffum, two years.
Olney T. Meader, three years.

Committee on Bible Schools.

Secretary and Treasurer, Marianna Gifford, 70 Rock St., Fall River.

Committee.

Geo. L. Crossman, Lynn, Mass.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Salem, Alice N. Jones
Sandwich, Sarah H. Faber.
Vassalboro, Annie M. Price.
Fairfield, Alfred N. Hawkes.
Parsonsfield, Cornelius Turner.

For One Year.

Thomas J. Battey — Providence R. I.
Marianna Gifford — Fall River, Mass.
Sarah D. Brown — 22 Highland St., Amesbury.

For Three Years.

B. Osborne	Manchester, Me.
Melissa S. Dearborn	East Parsonsfield, Me.

Vassalboro, Alfred H. Jones, Mary R. Jones.
Dover, William P. Tuttle, Almira R. Bull

Committee on Teachers Fund.

[illegible]

John L. Taylor. [illegible]

Mar[illegible]

For Two Years.

Henry H. Goddard. [illegible]

Mary L. Cobb.

For Three Years.

Samuel Buffum, [illegible]

Susan Peckham.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

83. As we conclude our Annual Assembly, we would reverently acknowledge the overshadowing and continued presence of [illegible] Divine Master throughout all of [illegible].

[illegible]ding [illegible]te.

We have been enabled to transact the imp[illegible] affairs of the church in great harmony and [illegible], and now, as we return to our homes and fi[illegible] of labor, we pray that [illegible] we more fruitful in service to Him, and in the advancing of the Redeemers Kingdom am[illegible].

The Meeting now adjourns to meet in joint session at New[illegible], [illegible] at the usual time in the Sixth Month next, if the [illegible] permit.

Timothy B. Hussey [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yearly Meetings on both sides of the ocean we have [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]ion of the lofty type of Christianity entrusted [illegible]

in fraternal love and harmony with one another.

[illegible]

efficiently perform the work of a church of Christ, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the Lord [illegible] done!

[illegible] which has so long been [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] public schools so that the war spirit may be [illegible] gendered in all our youth. In one state this result was averted largely by the efforts of Friends, while in the other the issue is yet uncertain. The war spirit like so many other evils seems likely to make the American soil its last battle ground, [illegible] that it is necessary for us to be peace men not traditionally, but from living conviction, not alone under the stirring [illegible] of our Yearly [illegible], but in all the relationships of life. If Friends are not actively faithful to the sacred principles of the Gospel of peace they may yet have to suffer even in America for [illegible] sake.

[illegible] at this time by the reports from our mission at Ramallah, and are humbly thankful that we have a part in carrying the Gospel back to that land where the Devil first proclaimed it, [illegible] of which furnished much of the [illegible] through which it was first expressed. The work is attended with many difficulties as is all mission work under Turkish rule, but our Leader is mighty and in Him is our trust.

The work among the Indians has also greatly interested us. This cause sustained a severe loss in the death of Dr. James E. Rhoads of Bryn Mawr, Pa. No one can fill his place, but those engaged in the work are trying to do each a little [illegible], and in the [illegible] [illegible].

It is cause for thankfulness that in these two fields of mission work we are permitted to proclaim Christ both in the historic lands of the East and among the [illegible] tribes of the [illegible], [illegible] some effort to hasten the day when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the [illegible] cover the sea."

The evidence of renewed life among our own membership has also encouraged us. One meeting, which had nearly ceased to be, has been during the year revived and its attendance increased some [illegible] fold, while [illegible] in two of our [illegible]

[illegible]

that our Society will as a result be in a few years [illegible] for efficient [illegible] in the populous centres of our New England life.

We have reaffirmed with great unity at this time our faith in the spiritual nature of baptism and the [illegible] the subject to our book of discipline.

The cause of education has claimed our serious attention. Its efficient help as a handmaid of the religious life, in enlarging our grasp of truth, training [illegible] Christian effort [illegible] service they may be called the Master may find them vessels prepared and meet for His use. We would not rest in the power of the creature, however well trained, but [illegible] for service.

We live in a remarkable age; an age in which our Father is removing, as He has never before done in the history of man, the seals which have long [illegible] on the doors of many realms of truth. Such an age brings many perplexities and responsibilities. [illegible] and desire with us to so follow the Master that all truth may be held in proper balance, and that all may conduce to the advancement of the kingdom of Christ in the earth.

This, we are sure, is our Father's purpose and this purpose He will, we believe, fulfil [illegible] may guide us into all the truth, with the prayer that He will enable us to keep the faith once delivered to the saints."

With the salutations of love we are your brethren.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Friends:-

Your letter of last month has been received and listened to, with interest.

It is a source of inspiration to us to know that [illegible] same lines as we.

We are sure that the day will not only come sometime, but will come soon, when permanent reforms will be achieved in many directions, if we all work together under the leadership of the great Head of the Church.

We have assembled this year in a new meeting-house belonging to the Friends in this city. It is the third one completed within our limits this year. This is one of the many evidences, we see, that we are growing and becoming each year [illegible]

[illegible] along which we are at work. The greatest [illegible] has prevailed. While many discussions [illegible] of individual opinions, but purely for the sake of learning the best methods and attaining the [illegible]

[illegible] other Yearly Meetings on this continent. The interchange [illegible] encouraged to press on in the work.

While realizing that the powers of [illegible] constantly waxing bolder, we were never [illegible]

[illegible]

We have been gratified to learn that the steps taken last year to induce our government to continue its appropriation for the Indian Commission

were successful. As the result, largely of these efforts, our congressmen voted in favor of the appropriations.

Our Foreign Mission work is prospering, and we [illegible] at Ramallah for the better accommodation of our work there.

The subject of a more careful and advanced [illegible] "[illegible]"

Our testimony for Peace and Arbitration is being maintained, and we are especially exercised to resist the spread of Boys Brigades and Military [illegible] to the Rulers of the World asking for Arbitration.

These are some of our interests, and we believe they are among the most important [illegible] Christian world at the present time.

With continued prayers for the blessing of God [illegible] are your friends in New England.

[illegible]

[illegible] England Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Portland, Me. from 6th Mo. 10th to the [illegible] inclusive 1896.

To [illegible] Yearly Meetings.

Dear Friends:—

We appreciate your Christian greeting and we respond to your salutation in the [illegible] of Christ. Our meeting has assembled for the first time in Portland in a house of worship belonging to our own Society and it has added to the interest and comfort of all present to gather in a new and beautiful house.

We have hailed with gladness the messengers of our Master who have come from far and near, from the South and from the Pacific slope. The presence of so many ministers from other Yearly Meetings, and the warm welcome which they have received, as they have labored among us, have impressed us forcibly with the conviction that there is a growing unity throughout the whole [illegible] of the Society of Friends in America, that they have a common purpose, a close relation of interests and are in the service of one [illegible] children into one body in measure as [illegible] and do His will. It has cheered us and renewed our courage to learn of the interesting [illegible] on in many lines by your Yearly Meeting, and of the blessings which have attended your efforts. We have received added proof of the goodness of our Heavenly Father in the way [illegible] undertakings and labors in His vineyard have been accepted and owned by Him. Many of our Meetings in the country and in the villages are now alive and active in efforts to extend their circle of influence and to perform the proper business to which the church is called; but our city Meetings are giving unmistakable evidence that the principles and practices of Friends are adapted to the needs of the [illegible] centers of population where there are so many [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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and preparation is being made for a fourth.
[illegible]
meetings practical in definite work or in the declaration of distinct and useful principles for the upbuilding of the members and for the larger advance of Christ's kingdom. Our work at home has not interfered with the advancement of the [illegible] at Ramallah, Palestine, [illegible]
[illegible]
in the land so dear to all Christians.

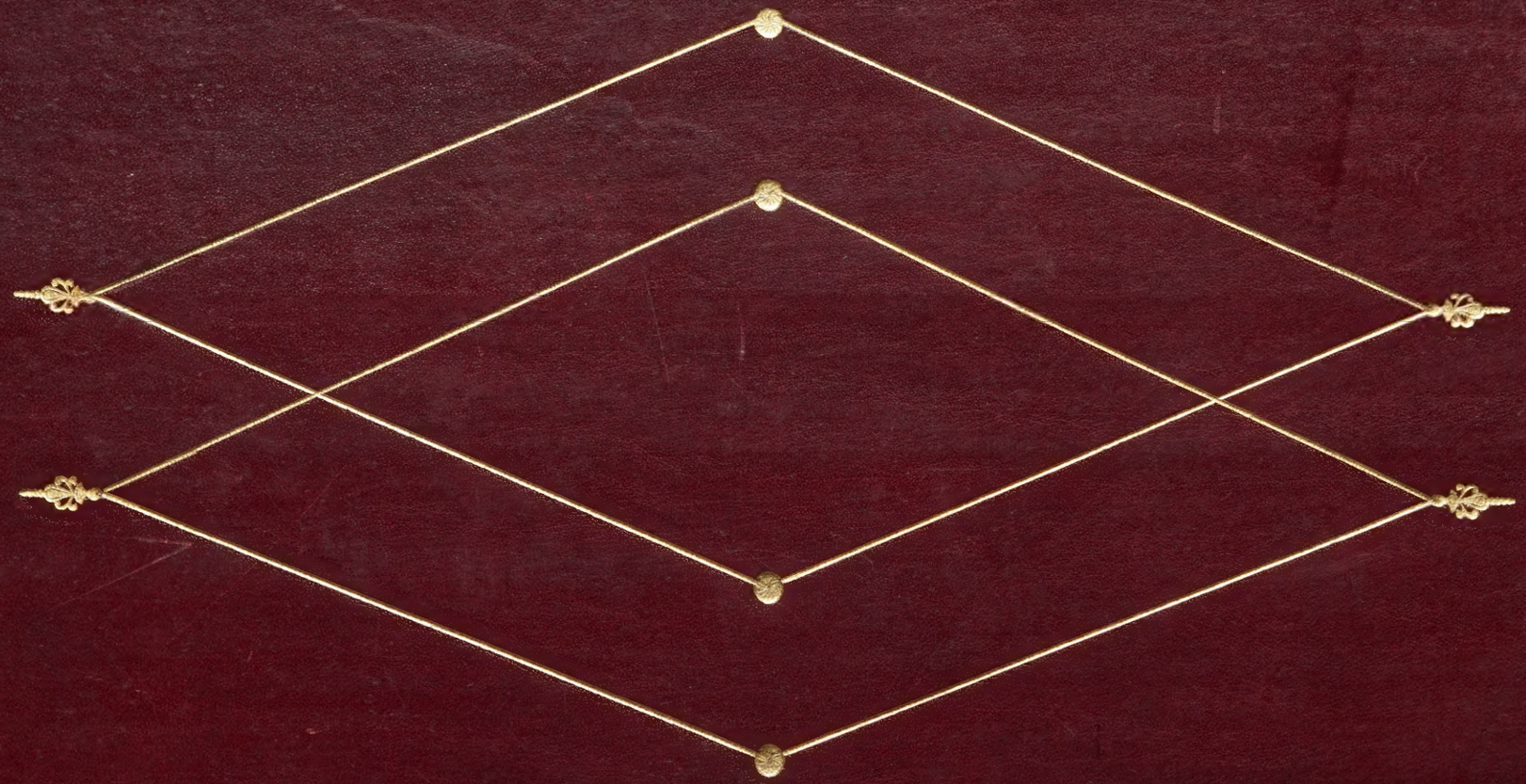
We have been gratified that all the Yearly Meetings in the United States have joined with us in an effort to suppress the sale of intoxicating drinks. The Yearly Meeting has decided this year to change the name of its [illegible] on Temperance to a Committee for the suppression of the Liquor Traffic, [illegible] the mere use of a name, it will yet be some thing gained to have a clear understanding of the object toward which all the forces should be directed in this important cause. It has perhaps never been more clearly impressed upon us that Friends are organized as a branch of the church to carry on the whole work to which Christ has called His disciples and not merely a part of it. The clear proclamation of the Gospel of salvation, the declaration of the Apostolic idea, of the complete work of the Holy Spirit, in perfecting the experience of the individual and in leading all responsive souls into the full light and truth.

Our workers are not numerous, our field is large and demands varied talents, prayer that the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers into the harvest.

We have adopted a strong clear declaration [illegible]

and the outward communion and we are especially anxious that this body may keep prominent in the thought of the age the [illegible] Christian, not frittering away our energy and losing our unity by giving place to non-essential practices and perfunctory performances. We live in a time when the great need is to make the whole world understand the direct [illegible] Christ and this branch of the Church cannot fail or slacken in its duty without weakening the [illegible] the enemy's strongholds. Our young men and young women are coming up faithfully and [illegible] to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The Christian Endeavor increases in strength and numbers each year and the members of this organization are loyal to the Church. The New England Union has decided to join with the Unions of the other Yearly Meeting in supporting a Christian Endeavor Department in the American Friend so that this paper may more fully [illegible] the needs of the young Friends and be of special interest to them.

We have been deeply exercised in prayer during this Yearly Meeting that our workers may be more fully qualified for carrying on the great business of the Church, the [illegible] for men, and we pray that all our Friends on the American Continent may be more fully endued with power for positive influence and for definite Christian work in this age of history. [illegible] by His Spirit in the inner man.

In the love of a common Savior, we are

Your friends,